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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
SCHEDULE 13D
(Amendment No. 2)
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
HUNTSMAN CORPORATION

(Name of Issuer) Common Stock, \$0.01 par value

> (Title of Class Securities) 447011107

(CUSIP Number)
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.
Attn: Compliance Department
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Floor 39, Tower 45
New York, NY 10036
212-478-0000

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications) September 8, 2008

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON. I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION							
	D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. FEIN 13-4046559							
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)							
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	Delaware							
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NUMBER OF			-0-					
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EACH REPORTING		9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER					

PERSON -0-

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

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14,687,786

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11 14,687,786

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13

6.3%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON. I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION						
	D. E. Shaw Oculus Portfolios, L.L.C. FEIN 20-0805088						
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WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 10 7,036,275

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AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

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PERSON

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

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TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON.
        I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION
  1
        D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.
        FEIN 13-3799946
        CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
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   SHARES
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BENEFICIALLY 8
 OWNED BY
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    EACH
                   SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON.
        I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION
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        D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.
        FEIN 13-3695715
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 NUMBER OF
   SHARES
                  SHARED VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY 8
 OWNED BY
                  21,725,642
    EACH
                   SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
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REPORTING **PERSON** -0-WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 10 21,725,642 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 11 21,725,642 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) 12 o PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 13 9.3% TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) 14

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1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON. I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION						
	David E. Shaw						
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6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION						
	United States						
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NUMBER OF		7	-0-				
SHARES		8	SHARED VOTING POWER				
OWNE		U	21,725,642				
EACH REPORTING		9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER				

PERSON -0-

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

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21,725,642

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11 21,725,642

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

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9.3%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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EX-99.6: BACKSTOP LETTER

This Amendment No. 2 amends and supplements certain information in the Statement on Schedule 13D filed by D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company (_Valence_), D. E. Shaw Oculus Portfolios, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company (_Oculus_), D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company (_DESCO_LLC_), D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (_DESCO_LP_), and David E. Shaw, a citizen of the United States of America (_David E. Shaw_, and together with Valence, Oculus, DESCO_LLC, and DESCO_LP, collectively, the _Reporting Persons_) on June 30, 2008, and amended by Amendment No. 1 to the Schedule 13D filed on August 28, 2008 (as amended, the _Schedule 13D_), relating to the shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share (the _Common Shares_), of Huntsman Corporation (the _Issuer_). Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings previously ascribed to them in the Schedule 13D.

Neither the present filing nor anything contained herein shall be construed as an admission that any Reporting Person constitutes a person for any purposes other than Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

Item 4 is amended by the addition of the following:

Proposed Backstop Contributions

On September 8, 2008, the D. E. Shaw Stockholders, Citadel Limited Partnership, MatlinPatterson Global Opportunities Partners L.P., and MatlinPatterson Global Opportunities Partners (Bermuda) L.P. (collectively, the Backstop Investors) delivered a letter to the Issuer (the Backstop Letter) addressing the failure of Hexion to consider the CVR financing described in the Proposal Letter and the inability of the Initial Investors to implement the CVR financing without Hexion cooperation.

In the Backstop Letter, the Backstop Investors severally agree to make payments (<u>Backstop Payments</u>) to the Issuer in connection with the merger closing in the event that the CVR financing cannot be arranged. We have spoken with the Huntsman Family Stockholders, and they have agreed to deliver their own letter which will be substantially similar to the Backstop Letter (the payment to the Issuer committed therein, the <u>Huntsman Payment</u>). Together with the Huntsman Payment, the Backstop Letter provides the Issuer with certainty that at least \$416,460,102 in cash will be added to the balance sheet of the combined company at closing, even if Hexion does not pursue the CVR financing. The D. E. Shaw Stockholders would be responsible for only their own several commitments, in an aggregate amount of \$79,075,582.04.

The Backstop Letter is intended to be a legally-binding obligation of the signatories, subject to the conditions described therein. A copy of the Backstop Letter is attached hereto as Exhibit 6 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The Backstop Letter provides that the offer to purchase CVRs described in the Proposal Letter will remain outstanding pursuant to the terms of the Proposal Letter. However, the commitments in the Backstop Letter are not intended to supplement the CVRs. The Backstop Letter provides that if any of the Backstop Investors purchases CVRs or makes an equity or similar investment in the combined company as may be agreed with Hexion (an <u>Investing Stockholder</u>), and the other Backstop Investors and the Huntsman Family Stockholders are also offered the opportunity to purchase CVRs or make such investments on the same terms and conditions, in each case in amounts proportionate to their respective Backstop Payments, then each Investing Stockholder s commitment to make Backstop Payments to the Issuer will terminate.

The net cash proceeds to the D. E. Shaw Stockholders on the merger closing date would be the same whether the D. E. Shaw Stockholders purchase CVRs from Hexion or make contributions to Huntsman under the Backstop Letter. The Reporting Persons may hedge all or a portion of their commitments in the Backstop Letter.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

Item 5 is amended by the addition of the following:

As a result of the arrangements disclosed in Item 4, the Reporting Persons may be deemed a group with the Backstop Investors, Pentwater Capital Management L.P. (one of the Initial Investors), and the Huntsman Family Stockholders and, therefore, may be deemed to beneficially own the shares of Common Shares beneficially owned by the Backstop Investors, Pentwater Capital Management L.P., and the Huntsman Family Stockholders. Based solely on information provided to the Reporting Persons and in Schedules 13D and Forms 4 filed by the Backstop Investors, the Huntsman Family Stockholders, and Pentwater Capital Management L.P., Citadel Investment Group, L.L.C. and its related entities (the <u>Citadel Entities</u>) beneficially own 18,655,510 Common Shares based on information provided by the Citadel Entities and their Schedule 13D filed on September 2, 2008; MatlinPatterson Global Advisers LLC and its related entities (the <u>Matlin Entities</u>) have beneficial ownership of at least 19,870,000 Common Shares based on information provided by the Matlin Entities and as reported in their Schedule 13D filed on August 29, 2008; Pentwater Capital Management L.P. and its related entities beneficially own 565,000 Common Shares, options to purchase 500,000 Common Shares, and have long economic exposure under certain cash-settled total return swap transactions to an additional 3,500,000 Common Shares (for a total of 4,565,000 Common Shares) based on information provided by Pentwater Capital Management L.P. and their Schedule 13D filed on September 5, 2008; and Huntsman Family Holdings Company LLC, Jon M. Huntsman, Peter R. Huntsman, the Jon and Karen Huntsman Foundation, and certain related entities (the Huntsman Family Entities) have beneficial ownership of 51,163,183 Common Shares based on information provided by the Huntsman Family Entities and as reported in Schedules 13D filed on August 29, 2008, August 2, 2007, and July 12, 2007, and in Forms 4 filed on June 3, 2008. The aggregate number of Common Shares described herein does not include Common Shares beneficially owned by any other member of any group within the meaning of Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act, in which any of the Reporting Persons may be deemed a member, and the Reporting Persons expressly disclaim such membership. None of the Reporting Persons may be deemed to have beneficially owned any Common Shares as of September 8, 2008 other than as set forth herein.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationship with Respect to the Securities of the Issuer Item 6 is amended by the addition of the following:

See Item 4. Purpose of Transaction for a description of the Backstop Letter, which is qualified in its entirety by reference to the letter, a copy of which is filed as an exhibit hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Materials to be Filed as Exhibits

Item 7 is amended the addition of the following:

Exhibit No. Exhibit

Exhibit 6 Backstop Letter, dated September 8, 2008, to Huntsman Corporation from Citadel Limited Partnership,

D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C., D. E. Shaw Oculus Portfolios, L.L.C., MatlinPatterson Global

Opportunities Partners L.P., and MatlinPatterson Global Opportunities Partners (Bermuda) L.P.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of their knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete, and correct.

Dated: September 8, 2008

D. E. SHAW VALENCE PORTFOLIOS, L.L.C.

By: D. E. SHAW & CO., L.P., as Managing Member

By: /s/ Rochelle Elias

Name: Rochelle Elias

Title: Chief Compliance Officer

D. E. SHAW OCULUS PORTFOLIOS, L.L.C.

By: D. E. SHAW & CO., L.L.C., as Managing Member

By: /s/ Rochelle Elias

Name: Rochelle Elias

Title: Chief Compliance Officer

D. E. SHAW & CO., L.L.C.

By: /s/ Rochelle Elias

Name: Rochelle Elias

Title: Chief Compliance Officer

D. E. SHAW & CO., L.P.

By: /s/ Rochelle Elias

Name: Rochelle Elias

Title: Chief Compliance Officer

DAVID E. SHAW

By: /s/ Rochelle Elias

Name: Rochelle Elias

Title: Attorney-in-Fact for David E.

Shaw