

Blanchard John Paul  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Blanchard John Paul</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O U.S. SILICA HOLDINGS, INC., 8490 PROGRESS DRIVE, SUITE 300</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>FREDERICK, MD 21701</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>02/29/2012</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>U.S. SILICA HOLDINGS, INC. [SLCA]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other                  (give title below) (specify below)                  SEE REMARKS</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person  <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	3,000	D	À

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (1)	09/16/2021	Common Stock, par value \$0.01	25,409	\$ 10.33	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (1)	09/16/2021	Common Stock, par value \$0.01	25,884	\$ 16.9	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Blanchard John Paul C/O U.S. SILICA HOLDINGS, INC. 8490 PROGRESS DRIVE, SUITE 300 FREDERICK, MD 21701	Â	Â	Â SEE REMARKS	Â

## Signatures

/s/ James I. Manion by Power of Attorney  
Date: 03/09/2012

Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The options were granted on September 16, 2011 (the "Grant Date") and vest annually on the anniversary of the Grant Date: 25% on the first anniversary, 50% on the second anniversary, 75% on the third anniversary and 100% on the fourth anniversary.

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### Remarks:

Vice President and General Manager, Industrial & Specialty Products

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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