

GRAFTECH INTERNATIONAL LTD

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Whitaker Gary R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
GRAFTECH INTERNATIONAL LTD [GTI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O GRAFTECH INTERNATIONAL LTD., 12900 SNOW ROAD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/30/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
VP, General Counsel, Secretary

(Street)
PARMA, OH 44130

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V Amount | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 26,543 | D | (1) |
| Common Stock | 05/30/2008 | | S | 6,755 | D | \$ 26.26 | 16,755 D (2) |
| Common Stock | | | | | 25,316 | I | By Savings Plan (3) |
| Common Stock | | | | | 632 | I | By Compensation Deferral Plan |

(4)

Common Stock 16,000 D (5)

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Whitaker Gary R C/O GRAFTECH INTERNATIONAL LTD. 12900 SNOW ROAD PARMA, OH 44130 | | | VP, General Counsel, Secretary | |

Signatures

/s/Gary R. Whitaker 06/03/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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) On October 23, 2006, the Company granted 30,000 restricted shares under the Company's Management Long Term Incentive Program, all of which will cliff vest in February 2010, subject to accelerated vesting in equal thirds in February of each of 2008, 2009 and 2010, if

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certain performance targets are met. One-third of such shares vested in February 2008. The holdings are net of shares previously withheld or sold under a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan to cover withholding taxes.

(2) On May 1, 2006, the Company granted 30,000 restricted shares under the Company's Management Long Term Incentive Program, of which one-third vested on May 1, 2007, one-third vested on each of May 1, 2008, and one-third will vest on May 1, 2009. 6,755 shares were sold in the open-market by the reporting person. The holdings are net of shares sold and shares previously withheld or sold under a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan to cover withholding taxes.

(3) Represents the number of shares attributable to the reporting person's participation in the Company Stock Fund option of the GrafTech International Savings Plan.

(4) Represents obligations whose value is based on the Common Stock through a contribution, exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c), under the Company's Compensation Deferral Program. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities.

On October 4, 2007, the Company granted 16,000 restricted shares under the Company's Management Long Term Incentive Program.

(5) One-third of the restricted shares shall vest on each of February 27, 2009, February 26, 2010, and February 28, 2011, but only if certain performance targets are met.

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