

GRAFTECH INTERNATIONAL LTD

Form 4

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FORM 4

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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 *
LAYMAN HAROLD E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O GRAFTECH INTERNATIONAL LTD., 12900 SNOW ROAD

(Street)

PARMA, OH 44130

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/15/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	01/15/2009		A		10,257	A	\$ 0	41,747	D ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	01/15/2009		C		3,206	A	\$ 0	44,953	D ⁽²⁾

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. P... Deri... Secu... (Inst...			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Time options (right to buy)	\$ 2.83							(3)	03/18/2013(4)	Common Stock	5,000
Time options (right to buy)	\$ 2.83							(3)	03/18/2013(4)	Common Stock	10,135
Time options (right to buy)	\$ 13.37							(3)	01/15/2014(4)	Common Stock	3,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LAYMAN HAROLD E
C/O GRAFTECH INTERNATIONAL LTD. X
12900 SNOW ROAD
PARMA, OH 44130

Signatures

/s/Mark R. Widmar, Attorney-in-fact for Harold E. 01/20/2009
Layman

__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)

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On January 15, 2009, the Company granted 10,257 restricted shares as an annual grant to non-employee directors, valued at the then current market price of \$7.80 per share. Such shares vest on January 15, 2010 unless, with certain exceptions, the reporting person ceases to be a director prior to the vesting date. The reporting person has elected to have such shares deferred.

- (2) The reporting person has elected, pursuant to the Company's equity compensation plans, to receive deferred shares of common stock in lieu of cash for payment of director fees.
- (3) All such options have fully vested.
- (4) Options expire on the earlier of such date or the fourth anniversary of termination of directorship.

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