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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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/01/2008

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

C/O GRAFTECH INTERNATIONAL LTD., 12900 SNOW ROAD

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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PARMA, OH 44130

(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						D ⁽¹⁾	
Common Stock	05/01/2008		F	3,245	D	\$ 21.68	D ⁽²⁾
Common Stock						I	By Savings Plan ⁽³⁾
Common Stock						I	By Compensation Deferral Plan

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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.

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. 3,245 of the

- (2) 10,000 shares that vested on May 1, 2008 were sold to pay withholding taxes due upon vesting. Such shares were sold pursuant to a trading plan established under Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The holdings are net of 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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