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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 *
Widmar Mark 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)
03/03/2009

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
VP & CFO

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
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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)			
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/03/2009		S	6,171 D \$ 5.108	33,773	D <u>(1)</u>	
Common Stock	03/03/2009		S	2,580 D \$ 5.108	18,420	D <u>(2)</u>	
Common Stock					25,000	D <u>(3)</u>	
Common Stock					3,000	D	
					57,800	D <u>(4)</u>	

Explanation of Responses:

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(1) This transaction is to report the satisfaction of income tax withholding obligations. On October 23, 2006, the Company granted 45,000 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 certain performance targets are met. One-third of such shares vested in February 2008. 6,171 of the 15,000 shares that vested in February 2009 were sold pursuant to a trading plan established under Rule 10b5-1 to cover withholding taxes due upon vesting. The holdings are net of shares previously withheld, or sold under a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan, to cover withholding taxes.

(2) This transaction is to report the satisfaction of income tax withholding obligations. On October 4, 2007, the Company granted 21,000 restricted shares under the Company's Management Long Term Incentive Program. 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. 2,580 of the 7,000 shares that vested February 27, 2009 were sold pursuant to a trading plan established under Rule 10b5-1 to cover withholding taxes due upon vesting. The holdings are net of shares previously withheld, or sold under a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan, to cover withholding taxes.

(3) On December 15, 2008, the Company granted 25,000 performance shares under the Company's Management Long Term Incentive Program, which represent the right to receive shares contingent upon the achievement of one or more performance measures. Shares that are earned upon the attainment of applicable performance targets shall vest on February 29, 2012. The ultimate number of shares is subject to adjustment based on actual performance.

(4) On May 8, 2006, the Company granted 75,000 restricted shares under the Company's Equity Incentive Plan, of which one-third vested on May 8, 2007, one-third vested on May 8, 2008, and one-third of which will vest on May 8, 2009. The holdings are net of shares previously withheld, or sold under a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan, to cover withholding taxes.

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

(6) 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.

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