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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 2, 2014

GRAFTECH INTERNATIONAL LTD.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction 1-13888 (Commission 27-2496053 (I.R.S. Employer

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of Incorporation)

File Number) 12900 Snow Road

Identification Number)

Parma, Ohio 44130

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

Registrant s Telephone Number, including Area Code: 216-676-2000

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On May 2, 2014, GrafTech International Ltd. (the Company or GrafTech) announced that Glass Lewis & Co. (Glass Lewis), a leading independent proxy advisory firm, recommends that GrafTech stockholders vote FOR the election of GrafTech s seven highly-qualified and experienced director nominees, including two new independent nominees, on the WHITE proxy card at the Company s May 15, 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

A copy of the Company s press release is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: GrafTech and its directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from GrafTech stockholders in respect of the 2014 Annual Meeting. GrafTech has filed a definitive proxy statement with the SEC in connection with the solicitation of proxies from GrafTech stockholders for the 2014 Annual Meeting. A definitive proxy statement and a form of proxy has been mailed to GrafTech stockholders. STOCKHOLDERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO READ THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT AND ACCOMPANYING WHITE PROXY CARD WITH RESPECT TO THE 2014 ANNUAL MEETING AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY AS THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Information regarding the identity of potential participants, and their direct or indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, is set forth in the definitive proxy statement and other materials filed with the SEC in connection with the 2014 Annual Meeting. Information regarding the direct and indirect beneficial ownership of GrafTech s directors and executive officers in GrafTech securities is set forth in the definitive proxy statement and other materials filed with the SEC in connection with the 2014 Annual Meeting. Stockholders are able to obtain free copies of the definitive proxy statement, any amendments or supplements to the definitive proxy statement and other documents filed with the SEC by GrafTech through the web site maintained by the SEC at https://ir.graftech.com/.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Exhibit Description

99.1 Press release dated May 2, 2014

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 2, 2014

GRAFTECH INTERNATIONAL LTD.

By: /s/ John D. Moran John D. Moran

Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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