

U.S. SILICA HOLDINGS, INC.
 Form 4
 February 13, 2015

FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
 Washington, D.C. 20549

OMB APPROVAL

OMB Number: 3235-0287
 Expires: January 31, 2015
 Estimated average burden hours per response... 0.5

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Merrill Donald A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 U.S. SILICA HOLDINGS, INC.
 [SLCA]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O U.S. SILICA HOLDINGS, INC., 8490 PROGRESS DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/11/2015

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Chief Financial Officer

FREDERICK, MD 21701

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/11/2015 ⁽¹⁾ | | M | 1,682 A \$ 0 | 2,922 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/11/2015 | | F ⁽²⁾ | 697 D \$ 0 | 2,225 | D | |

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

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

SEC 1474 (9-02)

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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Units | (3) | 02/11/2015 | | M | | 1,682 (4) (4) | Common Stock 1,682 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to buy) | \$ 28.7 | 02/12/2015 | | A | 16,137 | (5) 02/12/2025 | Common Stock 16,137 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (3) | 02/12/2015 | | A | 6,453 | (6) (6) | Common Stock 6,453 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Merril Donald A C/O U.S. SILICA HOLDINGS, INC. 8490 PROGRESS DRIVE FREDERICK, MD 21701 | | | Chief Financial Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Sean J. Klein by Power of Attorney
02/13/2015

**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) Scheduled vesting of restricted stock units granted February 11, 2014.
- (2) Tax withholding on vested restricted stock units.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock upon vesting of the unit.
- (4) Restricted Stock Units granted on February 11, 2014 and vesting in three equal installments on the anniversary date of the grant.
- (5) Option grant dated February 12, 2015, vesting in three equal annual installments on the anniversaries of the grant date.

Edgar Filing: U.S. SILICA HOLDINGS, INC. - Form 4

(6) Restricted Stock Units granted on February 12, 2015 and vesting in three equal installments on the anniversaries of the grant date.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.