

GRAFTECH INTERNATIONAL LTD

Form 8-K

September 04, 2008

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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): August 29, 2008

GRAFTECH INTERNATIONAL LTD.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware	1-13888	06-1385548
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employee Identification Number)

12900 Snow Road  
Parma, Ohio 44130  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

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

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0Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item. 2.04 Triggering Events That Accelerate Or Increase A Direct Financial Obligation Or An Obligation Under An Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement

On August 29, 2008, pursuant to the Indenture dated as of February 15, 2002, as amended (the "Indenture"), by and among us, certain of our subsidiaries and U.S. Bank National Association (as successor in interest to State Street Bank and Trust Company), as trustee (the "Trustee"), we and certain of our subsidiaries (including subsidiaries who are guarantors) requested the Trustee to redeem approximately \$20 million of the outstanding principal amount of the 10¼% Senior Notes due 2012 (the "Senior Notes") issued pursuant to the Indenture and held by third parties, at 103.417% of the principal amount, plus accrued interest. As a result of our request and subject to the giving of the redemption notice to the holders of the Senior Notes, we will be required to proceed with the redemption. We are using cash flow from operating and financing activities to fund the redemption, which is expected to occur on or about September 30, 2008. After the redemption, approximately \$20 million in principal amount of the Senior Notes will remain outstanding.

Reference is made to the note on forward-looking statements contained after the caption "Forward Looking Statements" in Item 1A of Part I of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2007 and after the caption "Forward Looking Statements and Risks" in the Introduction to Part I, Item 2, and Part II, Item 1 of our Quarter Report for the period ended June 30, 2008 with respect to risks and uncertainties affecting estimates and predictions contained herein.

SIGNATURE

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

GRAFTECH INTERNATIONAL LTD.

Date: September 4, 2008

By: /s/ Mark R. Widmar  
Mark R. Widmar  
Chief Financial Officer and Vice President