

U.S. SILICA HOLDINGS, INC.
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 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)
 08/05/2016

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 EVP & 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
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(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)
				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	08/05/2016 ⁽¹⁾		M	25,000	A	\$ 13.17	33,998 D
Common Stock	08/05/2016 ⁽¹⁾		S	25,000	D	\$ 38.22	8,998 D

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

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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
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.17	08/05/2016		M	25,000	⁽³⁾ 10/15/2022	Common Stock 25,000

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			EVP & Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Sean J. Klein 08/09/2016
 **Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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) Option Exercise and Sale
- (2) Weighted average share price, shares sold at prices ranging from \$38.00 to \$38.66 per share.
- (3) Option Grant dated October 15, 2012, vesting in four equal annual installments on grant anniversary date.

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