

Merril Donald A
Form 4
October 16, 2012

FORM 4

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Merril 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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
10/15/2012

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify
below) below)
VP of Finance

C/O U.S. SILICA HOLDINGS,
INC., 8490 PROGRESS DRIVE,
SUITE 300

(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

FREDERICK, MD 21701

(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	(D)	Price

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)

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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 Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.17	10/15/2012		A	100,000	<u>(1)</u> 10/15/2022	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 100,000

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, SUITE 300 FREDERICK, MD 21701	VP of Finance

Signatures

/s/ Sean J. Klein by Power of Attorney 10/16/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) The options were granted on October 15, 2012 (the "Grant Date"), and 25% vest on each of the first four anniversaries of the Grant Date.

(2) The options were granted and no price was paid therefor.

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