

TERRA INDUSTRIES INC
Form 8-K
December 10, 2008

**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): December 8, 2008

TERRA INDUSTRIES INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

(State or other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

1-8520

(Commission File Number)

52-1145429

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

Terra Centre

600 Fourth Street, P.O. Box 6000

Sioux City, Iowa

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

51102-6000

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(712) 277-1340**

(Former name or former address if changed since last report.)

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:

- 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 December 8, 2008, Terra Industries Inc. (“Terra”) announced that on December 5, 2008, GrowHow UK Ltd., a joint venture in which Terra holds a 50% stake, idled ammonia production at its Billingham, UK facility. The temporary shutdown is intended to keep product inventory and working capital under control in light of lower industrial ammonia demand resulting from the global economic slowdown. GrowHow UK Ltd. will restart the 550,000 ton-per-year ammonia plant when market conditions warrant resuming production. A copy of the press release is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibit

99.1 Press Release issued December 8, 2008, announcing that GrowHow UK Ltd., idled ammonia production at its Billingham, UK facility.

SIGNATURES

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.

TERRA INDUSTRIES INC.

/s/ John W. Huey_____

John W. Huey

*Vice President, General Counsel and
Corporate Secretary*

Date: December 10, 2008

EXHIBIT INDEX

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