U.S. SILICA HOLDINGS, INC.

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Month/Day/Year) 11/03/2014

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below)

Chief Financial Officer

(Check all applicable)

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

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

> > Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

FREDERICK, MD 21701

Security

(Instr. 3)

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 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)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

5. Number of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactiorDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities**

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr.	8)	Securities Acquired or Dispos (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	(A) ed of	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 49.39	11/03/2014		A		22,800		<u>(1)</u>	11/03/2024	Common Stock	22,800

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ Sean J. Klein by Power of Attorney 11/05/2014

**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) Option grant dated November 3, 2014, vesting in four equal installments on the anniversaries of the Grant Date.
- (2) Options granted and no price paid therefor.

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