
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):

May 7, 2008

Brush Engineered Materials Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio

001-15885

34-1919973

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

17876 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio

44110

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

216-486-4200

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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 - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On May 7, 2008, Brush Engineered Materials Inc., an Ohio corporation (the "Company"), announced that its Board of Directors has voted to increase the size of the Board of Directors from nine to ten, and has elected Craig S. Shular to serve as a director of the Company. He will serve as a member of the Board's Audit Committee and Governance and Organization Committee.

Mr. Shular is currently the Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Graftech International Ltd. Mr. Shular joined GrafTech as its Chief Financial Officer in 1999, and has served as a director since 2003.

Mr. Shular will be entitled to receive the same compensation for service as a director as is provided to the Company's other non-employee directors. On May 7, 2008, the Board of Directors of the Company authorized an increase to the annual retainer fee for non-employee directors of \$5,000 to \$65,000 per year. Other than this change, non-employee directors receive the compensation as described in the Company's proxy statement dated March 27, 2008 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Mr. Shular will be entering into the Indemnification Agreement entered into by the Company and its directors as described in Exhibit 10.2 to the Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 5, 2005.

A copy of the Company's press release dated May 7, 2008, announcing the election of Mr. Shular to the Board of Directors, is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

99.1 Brush Engineered Materials Inc. press release dated May 7, 2008.

SIGNATURES

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 hereunto duly authorized.

May 7, 2008

Brush Engineered Materials Inc.

By: Michael C. Hasychak

Name: Michael C. Hasychak

Title: Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary

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Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Brush Engineered Materials Inc. press release dated May 7, 2008.

**BRUSH ENGINEERED MATERIALS INC. ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF
CRAIG S. SHULAR TO SERVE ON ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Cleveland – May 7, 2008 – Brush Engineered Materials Inc. (NYSE:BW) announced today the appointment of Craig S. Shular, age 55, to serve on its Board of Directors.

Mr. Shular is Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of GrafTech International Inc., a New York Stock Exchange traded graphite material science company with annual revenues of \$1 billion. GrafTech International, based in Parma, Ohio, serves customers in more than 80 countries.

Prior to being named to his present role in 2003, Mr. Shular was Chief Financial Officer of GrafTech International from 1999 to 2002. He joined GrafTech's predecessor company, Union Carbide Corporation's Carbon Products Division, in 1976, advancing to positions in the areas of business management, sales and marketing, operations, government relations, internal audit, and international finance and accounting. Mr. Shular initiated and led the construction of Union Carbide's first production facilities in China and the Middle East.

Mr. Shular earned his Bachelor of Science degree in business and marketing and an MBA in finance and accounting from the State University of New York at Buffalo. In 1990 he became a certified public accountant in the state of New York.

Commenting on the appointment of Mr. Shular to the Board of Directors, Richard J. Hipple, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Brush Engineered Materials Inc. stated, "We are pleased to welcome Craig to our Board of Directors. He has a terrific track record in international business and in driving the phenomenal growth and profitability of GrafTech International. His general management experience, financial expertise and global perspective will be invaluable to the Company as we continue strengthening and building our business through strong sales growth, international expansion, increased profitability and potential acquisitions."

Brush Engineered Materials Inc. is headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio. The Company, through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, supplies worldwide markets with beryllium products, alloy products, electronic products, precious metal products, and engineered material systems.

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