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Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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REPORTING OWNER

TIFFT DOUGLAS C

CIK: **1227242**

Type: **4** | Act: **34** | File No.: **000-15760** | Film No.: **06511135**

Mailing Address

*C/O SAYLES & EVANS
ONE WEST CHURCH STREET
ELMIRA NY 14901*

ISSUER

HARDINGE INC

CIK: **313716** | IRS No.: **160470200** | State of Incorporation: **NY** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
SIC: **3541** Machine tools, metal cutting types

Mailing Address

*ONE HARDINGE DRIVE
ELMIRA NY 14902*

Business Address

*ONE HARDING DRIVE
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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|---|---------|----------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person TIFFT DOUGLAS C | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HARDINGE INC [HDNG] | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Senior Vice President-Admin. | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2006 | | | | | |
| C/O SAYLES & EVANS, ONE WEST CHURCH STREET | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (Street) | | | | | | | | |
| ELMIRA, NY 14901 | | | | | | | | |
| (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 | 01/03/2006 | | F | | 1,901 | D | \$16.91 | 67,388 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 1,333.02 | I | by qualified plan |

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |

Signatures

J. Philip Hunter, as Attorney-in-Fact pursuant to Power of Attorney dated March 6, 1995

** Signature of Reporting Person

01/05/2006

Date

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

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