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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**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 18, 2013**

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**U.S. Silica Holdings, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**001-35416**

(Commission  
File Number)

**26-3718801**

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**8490 Progress Drive, Suite 300, Frederick, MD**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**21701**  
(Zip Code)

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**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (800) 345-6170**

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 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.**

Effective December 18, 2013, Michael L. Winkler, age 49, was appointed to serve as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of U.S. Silica Holdings, Inc. Mr. Winkler has served as U.S. Silica's Vice President of Operations since June 2011. Before joining U.S. Silica, Mr. Winkler was Vice President of Operations for Campbell Soup Company from August 2007 to June 2011 and held various positions with Mars Inc. from 1996 to August 2007, including Plant Manager—Columbus Plant and Director of Industrial Engineering. Mr. Winkler earned a B.S. in industrial engineering from the University of Wisconsin—Platteville and an M.B.A. from the University of North Texas. There are no relationships between Mr. Winkler and U.S. Silica or its subsidiaries that would require disclosure pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

A copy of U.S. Silica's press release announcing the appointment of Mr. Winkler is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01      Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release issued December 18, 2013.

**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.

Date: December 19, 2013

U.S. SILICA HOLDINGS, INC.

/s/ Christine C. Marshall

Christine C. Marshall

General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

Exhibit  
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99.1

Press Release issued December 18, 2013.



News Release

### **U.S. Silica Promotes Mike Winkler to Vice President and Chief Operating Officer**

Frederick, MD., December 18, 2013 – U.S. Silica Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: SLCA) today announced the promotion of Michael L. Winkler to vice president and chief operating officer.

In his new position, Mr. Winkler will continue his oversight of the Company's mining and plant operations. He will also assume increased responsibilities, including leadership of the firm's supply chain and logistics capabilities as well as its IT function.

"Mike's outstanding results leading the operations team for the last two years and his commitment to safety, continuous improvement and productivity make him the ideal candidate for this role," said Bryan Shinn, U.S. Silica president and chief executive officer. "As COO, Mike will provide leadership to ensure that internal cross-functional initiatives are flawlessly executed from mining through delivery and aligned with best-in-class customer service," he added.

Mr. Winkler has served as the Company's vice president of operations since June, 2011. Prior to joining U.S. Silica, he held various positions within operations for the Campbell Soup Company and Mars, Inc. Mr. Winkler earned a B.S. degree in Industrial Engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and an MBA from the University of North Texas.

#### **About U.S. Silica**

U.S. Silica Holdings, Inc., a member of the Russell 2000, is one of the largest domestic producers of commercial silica, a specialized mineral that is a critical input into the oil and gas proppants end market. The company also processes ground and unground silica sand for a variety of industrial and specialty products end markets such as glass, fiberglass, foundry molds, municipal filtration and recreational uses. During its 100-plus year history, U.S. Silica Holdings, Inc. has developed core competencies in mining, processing, logistics and materials science that enable it to produce and cost-effectively deliver over 250 products to customers across these end markets. U.S. Silica Holdings, Inc. is headquartered in Frederick, Maryland.

U.S. Silica Holdings, Inc.

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