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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Micron Research is now part of GrafTech International** *Local fine grain graphite manufacturer joins global graphite company*

**Emporium, PA – March 4, 2011** – GrafTech International Ltd. is pleased to announce that the business of Micron Research Corporation is the newest addition to its growing global team.

Headquartered in Parma, Ohio, GrafTech is one of the world's largest manufacturers of synthetic and natural graphite used primarily in the manufacture of graphite electrodes, which are essential to the production of electric arc furnace steel. The 125-year old company also manufactures graphite for use in high-growth markets such as consumer electronics, solar energy, and oil and gas exploration.

"We are extremely pleased to welcome Micron Research into the GrafTech family. Our two companies complement each other very well," said GrafTech Chairman and CEO Craig Shular. "Micron Research's technology and product offering, as well as its people, are an excellent fit for capitalizing on our strategies for a number of high-growth markets."

Micron Research manufactures a portfolio of super fine and fine grain graphite using uniquely developed technologies. Micron Research's products have applications in electrical discharge machining product applications.

"Micron Research is a well-managed, technology-driven business that has been successful for many years. We plan to invest in its future and support its continued growth," Mr. Shular said. "Its existing products and expansion into new applications are integral to our forward momentum and we will provide ample support to maintain and strengthen them."

David Trinkley will continue to manage the Emporium operations. Mr. Trinkley said, "We are extremely excited to become part of an international company such as GrafTech. This combination will grow our core technology and expand our reach through GrafTech's global footprint and vision for the future. This is a very exciting opportunity for our team."

Last year, GrafTech had sales of more than \$1 billion. The publicly traded company employs approximately 3,000 people around the world.

GrafTech International Ltd. is one of the world's largest manufacturers and providers of high quality synthetic and natural graphite and carbon based products and technical and research and development services, with customers in over 65 countries engaged in the manufacture of steel, automotive products and electronics. We manufacture graphite electrodes, products essential to the production of electric arc furnace steel and needle coke, the raw material essential to the production of graphite electrodes. We also manufacture thermal management, fuel cell and other specialty graphite and carbon products for, and provide services to, the electronics, power generation, solar, oil and gas, transportation, petrochemical and other metals markets. We operate 14 manufacturing facilities strategically located on four continents. For additional information on GrafTech International Ltd., call 216-676-2000, or visit our website at [www.graftech.com](http://www.graftech.com).

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