

HARDINGE INC
Form SC 13D/A
August 11, 2017

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 4)*

Hardinge Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

412324303

(CUSIP Number)

Privet Fund LP

Attn: Ryan Levenson

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

August 8, 2017

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, *see the Notes*).

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO.
OF ABOVE PERSON

1

Privet Fund LP

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

2

(a)
(b)

SEC USE ONLY

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4

WC

CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS
REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

5

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION **Delaware**

6

NUMBER OF SOLE VOTING POWER

7

SHARES **0**

SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY **8**

1,315,090

OWNED BY SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9

EACH **0**

REPORTING SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

PERSON **1,315,090**
WITH:

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

1,315,090

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

10.2%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

14

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO.
OF ABOVE PERSON

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Privet Fund Management LLC

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SOURCE OF FUNDS

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION **Delaware**

6

NUMBER OF SOLE VOTING POWER

7

SHARES **0**

SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY **8**

1,372,188

OWNED BY SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9

EACH **0**

REPORTING SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

PERSON **1,372,188**
WITH:

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

1,372,188

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

10.6%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO.
OF ABOVE PERSON

1

Ryan Levenson

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(a)
(b)

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SOURCE OF FUNDS

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CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS
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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION **United States**

6

NUMBER OF SOLE VOTING POWER

7

SHARES **0**

SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY **8**

1,372,188

OWNED BY SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9

EACH **0**

REPORTING SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

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PERSON **1,372,188**
WITH:

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

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1,372,188

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10.6%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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Reference is hereby made to the statement on Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 3, 2014, as amended on March 3, 2015, October 16, 2015, and August 17, 2016 (the "Schedule 13D"), with respect to the Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), of Hardinge Inc., a New York corporation (the "Company" or "Issuer"). Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein are used as defined in the Schedule 13D. The Reporting Persons hereby amend and supplement the Schedule 13D as follows.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

Item 3 is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

The Reporting Persons may be deemed to constitute a group pursuant to Rule 13d-5(b) as a result of entering into a Joint Filing Agreement as previously described and filed as an exhibit to the Schedule 13D. If the Reporting Persons are deemed to have formed a group, the Reporting Persons could be deemed to beneficially own the shares collectively held by the group, which would be an aggregate 1,372,188 shares or 10.6% of the Common Stock of the Company; however, each of the Reporting Persons disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by other members of the group except as expressly set forth herein.

The aggregate purchase price of the 1,372,188 shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons is approximately \$15,992,083.97, not including brokerage commissions, which was funded with partnership funds of Privet Fund LP and with assets under separately managed accounts with Privet Fund Management LLC. Privet Fund LP effects purchases of securities primarily through margin accounts maintained for it with prime brokers, which may extend margin credit to it as and when required to open or carry positions in the margin accounts, subject to applicable federal margin regulations, stock exchange rules and the prime brokers' credit policies.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

Item 5(a) is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

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(a) As of the date of this filing, the Reporting Persons beneficially own 1,372,188 shares of Common Stock, or approximately 10.6% of the outstanding Common Stock (calculated based on information included in the Form 10-Q filed by the Corporation for the calendar quarter ended June 30, 2017, which reported that 12,949,525 shares of Common Stock were outstanding as of July 31, 2017).

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Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: August 11, 2017

PRIVET FUND LP

By: Privet Fund Management LLC,
Its General Partner

By: /s/ Ryan Levenson
Name: Ryan Levenson
Its: Managing Member

PRIVET FUND MANAGEMENT LLC

By: /s/ Ryan Levenson
Name: Ryan Levenson
Its: Managing Member

/s/ Ryan Levenson
Ryan Levenson

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SCHEDULE 1

Shares Acquired or Sold by the Reporting Persons in the Last 60 Days or Since Their Most Recent Schedule 13D Filing:

1. Privet Fund LP (1)

Trade Date	Nature of Transaction (Purchase/Sale)	Number of Shares	Price Per Share
8/7/2017	Purchase	66,562	\$14.45 (2)(3)
8/8/2017	Purchase	20,211	\$14.17 (2)(4)

(1) Not including any brokerage fees.

(2) The price per share reported is a weighted average price. The Reporting Persons undertake to provide to the Company, any security holder of the Company, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, further information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnotes (3)-(4) to this Schedule 13D.

(3) These shares were purchased at prices ranging from \$14.07-\$14.60, inclusive.

(4) These shares were purchased at prices ranging from \$14.12-\$14.25, inclusive.