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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D/A (Amendment No. 6) Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Global Sources Ltd. (Name of Issuer)

Common Shares, Par Value \$0.01 per share (Title of Class of Securities)

G 39300 101 (CUSIP Number)

Merle A. Hinrichs c/o Global Sources Ltd. Canon's Court 22 Victoria Street Hamilton, HM 12 Bermuda

with a copy to

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

December 7, 2011 (Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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| CUSIP No. G 3930 | 00 101 | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| (1) | NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS | | |
| | I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (entities only) | | |
| | Merle A. Hinrichs | | |
| (2) | CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions) | | |
| | (a) [] | | |
| | (b) [] | | |
| (3) | SEC USE ONLY | | |
| (4) | SOURCE OF FUNDS | | |
| (4) | N/A | | |
| (5) | | CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO | |
| (5)(6) | ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e) | | |
| | CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION | | |
| | United States | | |
| N 1 C | | COLE MOTING DOWER | |
| Number of | (7) | SOLE VOTING POWER | |
| Shares | (0) | 14,642,283 | |
| Benefi- | (8) | SHARED VOTING POWER | |
| cially | | 0 | |
| Owned | | | |
| by Each | (9) | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER | |
| Reporting | | 14,642,283 | |
| Person | (10) | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER | |
| With | | 0 | |
| (11) | AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON | | |
| | 14,642,283 | | |
| (12) | CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES | | |
| | | | |
| (13) | PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) | | |
| | 43.33% (based on 33,793,948 Common Shares outstanding on December 7, 2011) | | |
| (14) | TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON | | |
| | IN | | |
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ItemSecurity and Issuer.

1.

Item 1 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:

This Amendment No. 6 amends the Schedule 13D filed on December 8, 2003 (as amended by Amendment No. 1 on November 18, 2008 ("Amendment No. 1"), Amendment No. 2 on January 13, 2009 ("Amendment No. 2"), Amendment No. 3 on January 22, 2009 ("Amendment No. 3") and Amendment No. 4 on August 16, 2010 ("Amendment No. 4") and Amendment No. 5 on October 15, 2010 ("Amendment No. 5") the "Schedule 13D").

Item 5. Interest in Securities of Issuer.

Item 5 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended as follows:

- (a) The Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of 14,642,283 Common Shares representing 43.33% of the outstanding Common Shares (based on 33,793,948 Common Shares outstanding on December 7, 2011). Prior to the transfer described in clause (c) below, the Reporting Person's beneficial ownership increased from the amount disclosed in Amendment No. 5 by 56,443 Common Shares due to the vesting of such Common Shares to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's equity compensation plans.
- (c) On December 7, 2011, the Reporting Person transferred 339,806 shares of the Issuer's Common Shares to his wife, Miriam Hinrichs, as a gift. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership in the shares of the Issuer's Common Shares held by Miriam Hinrichs.

ItemContracts, Arrangements, Understanding or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer. 6.

Item 6 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:

See Item 5(c).

SIGNATURE

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

Date: December 19, 2011

/s/ Merle A. Hinrichs Merle A. Hinrichs

The original statement shall be signed by each person on whose behalf the statement is filed or his authorized representative. If the statement is signed on behalf of a person by his authorized representative (other than an executive officer or general partner of the filing persons, evidence of the representative's authority to sign on behalf of such persons shall be filed with the statement: provided, however, that a power of attorney for this purpose which is already on file with the Commission may be incorporated by reference. The name and any title of each person who signs the statement shall be typed or printed beneath his signature.

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