

U.S. SILICA HOLDINGS, INC.  
Form SC 13G  
February 14, 2013

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Schedule 13G**

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. )\*

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

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value

(Title of Class of Securities)

CUSIP No. 90346E 103

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2012

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

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Rule 13d-1(d)

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSON

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY):

GGC USS Holdings, LLC

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(a) " (b) "

3 SEC USE ONLY

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Delaware

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**Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:**

U.S. Silica Holdings, Inc. (the Company ).

**Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:**

The Company's principal executive offices are at 8490 Progress Drive, Suite 300, Frederick, Maryland 21701.

**Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing:**

GGC USS Holdings, LLC (the parent LLC ), Golden Gate Capital Opportunity Fund, L.P. ( GGCOF ), Golden Gate Capital Opportunity Fund-A, L.P. ( GGCOF-A ), GGCOF Third Party Co-Invest, L.P. ( GGCOF Third Party Co-Invest ), GGCOF Co-Invest, L.P. ( GGCOF Co-Invest ), GGC Opportunity Fund Management, L.P. ( Fund GP ), GGCOF Co-Invest Management, L.P. ( Co-Invest GP ) and GGC Opportunity Fund Management GP, Ltd. ( Ultimate GP ) (collectively, the Reporting Persons ).

The Reporting Persons have entered into a Joint Filing Agreement, dated February 14, 2013, a copy of which is attached as [Exhibit A](#) to this Statement, pursuant to which the Reporting Persons agreed to file this Schedule 13G and any amendments thereto jointly in accordance with the provisions of Rule 13d-1(k)(1) under the Act.

**Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence:**

The address of the principal business office of each of the Reporting Persons is c/o Golden Gate Private Equity, Inc., One Embarcadero Center, 39th Floor, San Francisco, California 94111.

**Item 2(c) Citizenship:**

The parent LLC is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the state of Delaware. The Funds, Fund GP and Co-Invest GP are limited partnerships organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands. Ultimate GP is an exempted company organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands.

**Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:**

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the Common Stock )

**Item 2(e) CUSIP Number:**

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**Item 3** **If this statement is filed pursuant to §§ 240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:**

- (a) .. Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o).
- (b) .. Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (c) .. Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (d) .. Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).
- (e) .. An investment adviser in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E).
- (f) .. An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F).
- (g) .. A parent holding company or control person in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G).
- (h) .. A savings associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813).
- (i) .. A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3).
- (j) .. Non-U.S. institution in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).
- (k) .. Group, in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K).

Not applicable.

**Item 4** **Ownership:**

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: In the aggregate, GGCOF, GGCOF-A, GGCOF Third Party Co-Invest, GGCOF Co-Invest, Fund GP, Co-Invest GP and Ultimate GP (together, the Funds ) beneficially own 41,176,471 shares of Common Stock indirectly through their ownership in the parent LLC. Interests in the parent LLC are held directly or indirectly by a private investor group, including the Funds, Paribas North America, Charles Shaver, Bryan A. Shinn, John Ulizio and William A. White. Although Paribas North America and Messrs. Shaver, Shinn, Ulizio and White do not have voting or dispositive power over the Common Stock held by the parent LLC, each owns interests of the parent LLC with varying rights to participate in distributions by the parent LLC.

The share ownership reported for the Reporting Persons does not include any shares of Common Stock owned directly by any investors in the parent LLC (other than the Funds).

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Percent of class: In the aggregate, the Reporting Persons beneficially own 41,176,471 shares of the Common Stock, or 77.9% of the total number of shares outstanding.

(b) Number of shares as to which such person has:

(i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote: See Item 5 on the cover pages hereto.

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote: See Item 6 on the cover pages hereto.

(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: See Item 7 on the cover pages hereto.

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: See Item 8 on the cover pages hereto.

**Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:**

Not Applicable.

**Item 6 Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:**

Not Applicable.

**Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company:**

Not Applicable.

**Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:**

As stated in Item 4 above, the parent LLC held 41,176,471 shares of Common Stock as of December 31, 2012, or 77.9% of the total number of shares of the Company outstanding. Interests in the parent LLC are held directly or indirectly by a private investor group, including the Funds, Paribas North America, Charles Shaver, Bryan A. Shinn, John Ulizio and William A. White. None of the members of the private investor group (other than the Funds) has either voting or dispositive power over any of the shares of Common Stock held by the parent LLC. The Reporting Persons may be deemed to be a member of a group exercising voting and investment control over shares of Common Stock held by the parent LLC.

**Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group:**

Not Applicable.

**Item 10**      **Certification:**

Not Applicable.

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: February 14, 2013

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Golden Gate Capital Opportunity Fund-A, L.P.  
GGCOF Third-Party Co-Invest, L.P.

By: GGC Opportunity Fund Management, L.P.  
Its: General Partner

By: GGC Opportunity Fund Management GP,

Ltd.

Its: General Partner

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By: David C. Dominik  
Its: Director

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By: David C. Dominik  
Its: Authorized Signatory



**Exhibit A**

**AGREEMENT REGARDING THE JOINT FILING OF SCHEDULE 13G**

The undersigned hereby agree that a single Schedule 13G (or any amendment thereto) relating to the Common Stock of Express, Inc. may be filed on behalf of each of the undersigned and that this Agreement shall be filed as an exhibit to such Schedule 13G.

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