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Form SC 13G  
February 14, 2008

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13G  
(Rule 13d-102)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT  
TO RULES 13d-1(b) (c), AND (d) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2 (b)

(Amendment No. )  
Mercer International Inc.

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$1 Par Value Per Share

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(Title of Class of Securities)

588056101

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(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2007

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(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)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be  
deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange  
Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act  
but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the  
Notes).

CUSIP No. 588056101  
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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Hound Partners, LLC

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2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)   
(b)

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

0

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

2,805,442

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

2,805,442

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

0

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

7.73%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

OO

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Hound Performance, LLC

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4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

0

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

2,805,442

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

2,805,442

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,805,442

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

7.73%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

OO

CUSIP No. 588056101

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

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

Jonathan Auerbach

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a)

(b)

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United States

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

0

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

2,805,442

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

2,805,442

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

2,805,442

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

7.73%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

CUSIP No. 588056101

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

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

Hound Partners, LP

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a)

(b)

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4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

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0

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

1,390,856

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

1,390,856

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

0

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

3.83%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

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

Hound Partners Offshore Fund, LP

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a)

(b)

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Cayman Islands

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

0

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

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1,414,586

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

1,414,586

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

0

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

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11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

3.90%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN

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Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:

Mercer International Inc.

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

14900 INTERURBAN AVENUE SOUTH  
SUITE 282  
SEATTLE WA 98168

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Item 2(a) - (c). Name Principal Business Address, and Citizenship of Person Filing:

Hound Partners, LLC  
101 Park Avenue, 48th Floor  
New York, NY 10178

Hound Performance, LLC  
101 Park Avenue, 48th Floor  
New York, NY 10178

Jonathan Auerbach  
101 Park Avenue, 48th Floor  
New York, NY 10178

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Hound Partners, LP  
101 Park Avenue, 48th Floor  
New York, NY 10178

Hound Partners Offshore Fund, LP  
c/o Citco Fund Services (Curacao) N.V.  
Kaya Flamboyen 9  
P.O. Box 4774  
Willemstad, Curacao  
Netherlands Antilles

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

Common Stock, \$1 Par Value Per Share  
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Item 2(e). CUSIP Number:

588056101  
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Item 3. If This Statement is Filed Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), Check Whether the Person Filing is a:

- (a)  Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Exchange Act.
- (b)  Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Exchange Act.
- (c)  Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Exchange Act.
- (d)  Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act.
- (e)  An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f)  An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g)  A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h)  A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act;
- (i)  A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act;
- (j)  Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

Item 4. Ownership.

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

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(a) Amount beneficially owned:

Hound Partners, LLC	2,805,442 shares
Hound Performance, LLC	2,805,442 shares
Jonathan Auerbach	2,805,442 shares
Hound Partners, LP	1,390,856 shares
Hound Partners Offshore Fund, LP	1,414,586 shares

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(b) Percent of class:

Hound Partners, LLC	7.73%
Hound Performance, LLC	7.73%
Jonathan Auerbach	7.73%
Hound Partners, LP	3.83%
Hound Partners Offshore Fund, LP	3.90%

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

(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote

Hound Partners, LLC	0 shares
Hound Performance, LLC	0 shares
Jonathan Auerbach	0 shares
Hound Partners, LP	0 shares
Hound Partners Offshore Fund, LP	0 shares

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(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote

Hound Partners, LLC	2,805,442 shares
Hound Performance, LLC	2,805,442 shares
Jonathan Auerbach	2,805,442 shares
Hound Partners, LP	1,390,856 shares
Hound Partners Offshore Fund, LP	1,414,586 shares

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(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

Hound Partners, LLC	0 shares
Hound Performance, LLC	0 shares
Jonathan Auerbach	0 shares
Hound Partners, LP	0 shares
Hound Partners Offshore Fund, LP	0 shares

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(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

Hound Partners, LLC	2,805,442 shares
Hound Performance, LLC	2,805,442 shares
Jonathan Auerbach	2,805,442 shares
Hound Partners, LP	1,390,856 shares
Hound Partners Offshore Fund, LP	1,414,586 shares

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Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities check the following [X].



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Hound Partners, LP and Hound Partners Offshore Fund, LP have ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities reported herein. Hound Partners, LLC, Hound Performance, LLC and Jonathan Auerbach continue to hold more than five percent of the class of securities herein.

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

If any other person is known to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, such securities, a statement to that effect should be included in response to this item and, if such interest relates to more than five percent of the class, such person should be identified. A listing of the shareholders of an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 or the beneficiaries of employee benefit plan, pension fund or endowment fund is not required.

N/A

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Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.

If a parent holding company or Control person has filed this schedule, pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G), so indicate under Item 3(g) and attach an exhibit stating the identity and the Item 3 classification of the relevant subsidiary. If a parent holding company or control person has filed this schedule pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c) or Rule 13d-1(d), attach an exhibit stating the identification of the relevant subsidiary.

N/A

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Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

If a group has filed this schedule pursuant to ss.240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), so indicate under Item 3(j) and attach an exhibit stating the identity and Item 3 classification of each member of the group. If a group has filed this schedule pursuant to ss.240.13d-1(c) or ss.240.13d-1(d), attach an exhibit stating the identity of each member of the group.

N/A

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Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Notice of dissolution of a group may be furnished as an exhibit stating the date of the dissolution and that all further filings with respect to transactions in the security reported on will be filed, if required, by members of the group, in their individual capacity. See Item 5.

N/A

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Item 10. Certifications.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction

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having such purpose or effect.

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.

February 14, 2008

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(Date)

HOUND PARTNERS, LLC (1)

By: /s/ Jonathan Auerbach

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Jonathan Auerbach, Managing Member

HOUND PERFORMANCE, LLC (1)

By: /s/ Jonathan Auerbach

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Jonathan Auerbach, Managing Member

/s/ Jonathan Auerbach (1)

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JONATHAN AUERBACH

HOUND PARTNERS, LP (1)

By: Hound Performance, LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ Jonathan Auerbach

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Jonathan Auerbach, Managing Member

HOUND PARTNERS OFFSHORE FUND, LP (1)

By: Hound Performance, LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ Jonathan Auerbach

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Jonathan Auerbach, Managing Member

(1) The Reporting Persons disclaim beneficial ownership except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein.

EXHIBIT A

AGREEMENT

The undersigned agree that this Schedule 13G dated February 14, 2008 relating to the Common Stock, \$1 par value per share of Mercer International Inc. shall be filed on behalf of the undersigned.

HOUND PARTNERS, LLC

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By: /s/ Jonathan Auerbach  
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Jonathan Auerbach, Managing Member

HOUND PERFORMANCE, LLC

By: /s/ Jonathan Auerbach  
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Jonathan Auerbach, Managing Member

/s/ Jonathan Auerbach  
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Jonathan Auerbach

HOUND PARTNERS, LP

By: Hound Performance, LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ Jonathan Auerbach  
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Jonathan Auerbach, Managing Member

HOUND PARTNERS OFFSHORE FUND, LP

By: Hound Performance, LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ Jonathan Auerbach  
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Jonathan Auerbach, Managing Member