Forbes Energy Services L	td.
Form SC 13D/A	
July 30, 2013	

UNITED	STATES
--------	---------------

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

(Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT

TO § 240.13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO

§ 240.13d-2(a)

(Amendment No. 2)1

Forbes Energy Services Ltd.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.04

(Title of Class of Securities)

345143101

(CUSIP Number)

Warren G. Lichtenstein

Steel Partners Holdings L.P.

590 Madison Avenue, 32nd Floor
New York, New York 10022
(212) 520-2300
(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)
<u>July 11, 2013</u>
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)
If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of $\S\S 240.13d-1(e)$, $240.13d-1(f)$ or $240.13d-1(g)$, check the following box .
<i>Note:</i> Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. <i>See</i> § 240.13d-7 for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.
The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.
The information required on 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 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, <i>see</i> the <i>Notes</i>).

NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS 1 STEEL EXCEL INC. 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 ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e) 5 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION 6 **DELAWARE** NUMBER OF **SOLE VOTING POWER** 7 **SHARES** - 0 -**BENEFICIALLY** SHARED VOTING POWER OWNED BY 8 **EACH** 3,289,913 **REPORTING** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER PERSON WITH 9 - 0 -10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

3,289,913

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

	AUGREGATE AMOUNT DENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
11	
	3,289,913
12	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
13	
	15.4%
	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
14	
	CO

1	
	STEEL PARTNERS HOLDINGS L.P. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*
2	(a)
2	(b) SEC USE ONLY
3	SOURCE OF FUNDS
4	
	AF
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
	DELAWARE

PERSON WITH

3,289,913

- 0 -

8

NUMBER OF

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY

REPORTING

SHARES

EACH

SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARED VOTING POWER

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

Edgar Filing: Forbes Energy Services Ltd. - Form SC 13D/A - 0 -SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 10 3,289,913 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 11 3,289,913 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES 12 **CERTAIN SHARES** PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

15.4%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

14

13

PN

1

SPH GROUP LLC

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

2

(a)

(b)

SEC USE ONLY

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4

5

AF

CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS

REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM

2(d) OR 2(e)

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF

ORGANIZATION

6

DELAWARE

SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF

7

SHARES

- 0 -

BENEFICIALLY

SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 8

EACH

3,289,913

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON WITH

	Edgar Filing: Forbes Energy Services Ltd Form SC 13D/A
	- 0 - SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
	10
11	3,289,913 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
12	3,289,913 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
	15.4% TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

OO

1

SPH GROUP HOLDINGS LLC

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

2

(a)

(b)

SEC USE ONLY

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4

5

AF

CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS

REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM

2(d) OR 2(e)

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF

ORGANIZATION

6

DELAWARE

SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF

7

SHARES

EACH

- 0 -

BENEFICIALLY

SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 8

3,289,913

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON WITH

	Edgar Filing: Forbes Energy Services Ltd Form SC 13D/A
	- 0 - SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
	10
11	3,289,913 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
12	3,289,913 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

15.4%

OO

14

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

1

STEEL PARTNERS HOLDINGS GP

INC.

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

2

(a)

(b)

SEC USE ONLY

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS

4

5

AF

CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS

REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM

2(d) OR 2(e)

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF

ORGANIZATION

6

DELAWARE

SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 7

•

SHARES - 0 -

BENEFICIALLY SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY 8

EACH 3,289,913

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON WITH

	Edgar Filing: Forbes Energy Services Ltd Form SC 13D/A
	- 0 - SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
	10
	3,289,913
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
11	
12	3,289,913 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
	15.4% TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

CO

The following constitutes Amendment No. 2 to the Schedule 13D filed by the undersigned ("Amendment No. 2"). This Amendment No. 2 amends the Schedule 13D as specifically set forth herein.

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

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

The aggregate purchase price of the 3,289,913 Shares owned directly by Steel Excel is approximately \$11,649,333, including brokerage commissions. The Shares owned directly by Steel Excel were acquired with the working capital of Steel Excel.

Set forth on Schedule A annexed hereto ("Schedule A") is the aggregate purchase price of the Shares beneficially owned, if any, by each of the persons, who are not Reporting Persons, listed on Schedule A to Amendment No. 1, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 28, 2013 ("Amendment No. 1 Schedule A").

Item 5. <u>Interest in Securities of the Issuer.</u>

Item 5(a)-(c) is hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

(a) The aggregate percentage of Shares reported owned by each person named herein is based upon 21,362,473 Shares outstanding, which is the total number of Shares outstanding as of May 10, 2013, as reported in the Issuer's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 15, 2013.

As of the date hereof, Steel Excel owns directly 3,289,913 Shares, constituting approximately 15.4% of the Shares outstanding. By virtue of their relationships with Steel Excel discussed in further detail in Item 2, each of SPHG Holdings, Steel Holdings, SPHG and Steel Holdings GP may be deemed to beneficially own the Shares owned directly by Steel Excel.

Set forth on Schedule A is the aggregate number and percentage of Shares beneficially owned, if any, by each of the persons, who are not Reporting Persons, listed on Amendment No. 1 Schedule A. Unless otherwise indicated thereon,

each of the persons listed on Schedule A has (i) the sole power to vote and dispose of the Shares they beneficially own, if any, and (ii) the right to receive, or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or proceeds from the sale of, the Shares that they beneficially own, if any.

- (b) Each of Steel Excel, SPHG Holdings, SPHG, Steel Holdings and Steel Holdings GP is deemed to have shared power to vote and dispose of the Shares owned directly by Steel Excel.
- (c) Schedule B annexed hereto ("Schedule B") lists all transactions in the Shares of the Issuer since the filing of Amendment No. 1 to the Schedule 13D by the Reporting Persons. All of such transactions were effected in the open market.

SIGNATURES

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

Dated:July 30, 2013 STEEL EXCEL INC.

By: /s/ James F. McCabe, Jr.

James F. McCabe, Jr., Chief Financial Officer

STEEL PARTNERS HOLDINGS L.P.

By: Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc.

General Partner

By: /s/ Jack L. Howard

Jack L. Howard, President

SPH GROUP LLC

By: Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc.

Managing Member

By: /s/ Jack L. Howard

Jack L. Howard, President

SPH GROUP HOLDINGS LLC

By: Steel Partners Holdings GP Inc.

Manager

By: /s/ Jack L. Howard

Jack L. Howard, President

STEEL PARTNERS HOLDINGS GP INC.

By: /s/ Jack L. Howard

Jack L. Howard, President

SCHEDULE A

Interest in Securities of the Issuer by the Persons, Who Are Not Reporting Persons, Listed on Schedule A

 $\frac{\text{Name}}{\text{Jack L. Howard 5,000}^*} \frac{\text{Number of Shares Beneficially Owned}}{\text{Less than 1\%}} \frac{\text{Percentage}}{\text{$28,529.50}}$

^{*} Owned directly by Mr. Howard's IRA Account.

SCHEDULE B

Transactions in the Shares Since the Filing of Amendment No. 1 to the Schedule 13D

Class of Securities Price (\$) Date of Purchased Purchase

STEEL EXCEL INC.

Common Stock 95,000 4.5200 7/11/2013

Common Stock 2,700 4.2500 7/26/2013