

GRIFFON CORP
Form SC 13D/A
June 25, 2008

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D
(Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT
TO RULE 13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO
RULE 13d-2(a)

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 7)*

Griffon Corporation
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.25 per share
(Title of Class of Securities)

398433102
(CUSIP Number)

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June 24, 2008
(Date of Event which Requires
Filing of this Statement)

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

2 CLINTON GROUP, INC.
CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a)

3 SEC USE ONLY (b)

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS*

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

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

8 -0- SHARED VOTING POWER

9 2,594,108 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

10 -0- SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

11 2,594,108
AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH PERSON

12 2,594,108
CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

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

14 8.67%
TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

IA, CO

* SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

2 CLINTON MULTISTRATEGY MASTER FUND, LTD.
CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a)

3 SEC USE ONLY (b)

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS*

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

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

CAYMAN ISLANDS

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

8 -0- SHARED VOTING POWER

9 1,111,130 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

10 -0- SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

11 1,111,130
AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH PERSON

12 1,111,130
CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

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

14 3.72%
TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

CO

* SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

2 CLINTON SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES MASTER FUND, LTD.
CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a)

3 SEC USE ONLY (b)

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS*

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

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
CAYMAN ISLANDS

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

8 -0- SHARED VOTING POWER

9 -0- SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

10 -0- SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

11 -0- AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH PERSON

12 -0- CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

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

14 0.0%
TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*
CO

* SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

2 CLINTON LEXINGTON MASTER FUND, L.P.
CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a)

3 SEC USE ONLY (b)

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS*

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

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

UNITED STATES

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

8 -0- SHARED VOTING POWER

9 -0- SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

10 -0- SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

11 -0- AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH PERSON

12 -0- CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

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

14 0.0%
TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

PN

* SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

2 CLINTON MAGNOLIA MASTER FUND, LTD.
CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a)

3 SEC USE ONLY (b)

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS*

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

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
CAYMAN ISLANDS

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

8 -0- SHARED VOTING POWER

9 1,482,978 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

10 -0- SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

11 1,482,978
AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH PERSON

12 1,482,978
CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

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

14 4.96%
TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*
CO

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
 I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

2 GEORGE E. HALL
 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a)

3 SEC USE ONLY (b)

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS*

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

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

UNITED STATES

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

8 -0- SHARED VOTING POWER

9 2,594,108 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

10 -0- SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

11 2,594,108
 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH PERSON

12 2,594,108
 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

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

14 8.67%
 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

IN

The Schedule 13D filed on December 20, 2006 with respect to the shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.25 per share (the "Shares"), of Griffon Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer") by the Reporting Persons, as previously amended, is hereby amended as set forth herein by this Amendment No. 7.

Item 2. IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND.

Item 2 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and restated as follows:

(a) This statement is filed by Clinton Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("CGI"), Clinton Multistrategy Master Fund, Ltd., a Cayman Islands company ("CMSF"), Clinton Special Opportunities Master Fund, Ltd., a Cayman Islands company ("CSO"), Clinton Magnolia Master Fund, Ltd., a Cayman Islands exempted company ("CMAG"), Clinton Lexington Master Fund, L.P., a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership ("CLEX") and George Hall (collectively, the "Reporting Persons")

(b) The principal business address of CGI and George Hall is 9 West 57th Street, 26th Floor, New York, New York 10019. The principal business address of CMSF, CSO, CMAG and CLEX is c/o Fortis Fund Services (Cayman) Limited, P.O. Box 2003 GT, Grand Pavilion Commercial Centre, 802 West Bay Road, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands.

(c) The principal business of CGI is investing for funds and accounts under its management. The principal business of CMSF, CSO, CMAG and CLEX is to invest in securities. George Hall is the Chief Investment Officer and President of CGI.

(d) None of the Reporting Persons nor any of the individuals set forth in Schedule A attached hereto has, during the last five years, been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).

(e) None of the Reporting Persons nor any of the individuals set forth in Schedule A attached hereto has, during the last five years, been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

(f) George Hall is a citizen of the United States of America.

The name, citizenship, present principal occupation or employment and business address of each director and executive officer of CGI, CMSF, CSO, CMAG and CLEX is set forth in Schedule A attached hereto. To the best of the Reporting Persons' knowledge, except as set forth in this statement on Schedule 13D, none of such individuals owns any Shares.

Item 3. SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS OR OTHER CONSIDERATION.

Item 3 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and restated as follows:

Funds for the purchase of the Shares reported herein were derived from available capital of CMSF and CMAG. A total of approximately \$59.6 million was paid to acquire such Shares.

Item 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER.

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

(a) As of the close of business on June 24, 2008, the Reporting Persons beneficially owned an aggregate of 2,594,108 Shares, constituting approximately 8.67% of the Shares outstanding.

The aggregate percentage of Shares beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons is based upon 29,908,813 Shares outstanding, which is the total number of Shares outstanding as of April 30, 2008 as reported in the Issuer's Quarterly Report, filed on May 12, 2008 on Form 10-Q, for the period ended March 31, 2008.

(b) By virtue of investment management agreements with each of CMS and CMAG, CGI has the power to vote or direct the voting, and to dispose or direct the disposition, of all of the 1,111,130 Shares held by CMSF and the 1,482,978 Shares held by CMAG. By virtue of his direct and indirect control of CGI, George E. Hall is deemed to have shared voting power and shared dispositive power with respect to all Shares as to which CGI has voting power or dispositive power. Accordingly, CGI and George E. Hall are deemed to have shared voting and shared dispositive power with respect to an aggregate of 2,594,108 Shares.

(c) Information concerning transactions in the Shares effected by the Reporting Persons during the past sixty days is set forth in Schedule B hereto and is incorporated herein by reference. Unless otherwise indicated, all of such transactions were effected in the open market.

(d) No person other than the Reporting Persons 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, the Shares.

(e) Not applicable.

Item 6. CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, UNDERSTANDINGS OF RELATIONSHIPS WITH RESPECT TO SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER.

Item 6 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and restated as follows:

The Reporting Persons may, from time to time, enter into and dispose of cash-settled equity swap or other similar derivative transactions with one or more counterparties that are based upon the value of Shares, which transactions may be significant in amount. The profit, loss and/or return on such contracts may be wholly or partially dependent on the market value of the Shares, the relative value of Shares in comparison to one or more other financial instruments, indexes or securities, a basket or group of securities in which Shares may be included, or a combination of any of the foregoing. In addition to the Shares that they beneficially own without reference to these contracts, the Reporting Persons currently have short economic exposure to 448,520 Shares through such contracts. Such contracts do not give the Reporting Persons direct or indirect voting, investment or dispositive control over any securities of the

Issuer and do not require the counterparties thereto to acquire, hold, vote or dispose of any securities of the Issuer. Accordingly, the Reporting Persons disclaim any beneficial ownership in any securities that may be referenced in such contracts or that may be held from time to time by any counterparties to such contracts.

Except as otherwise set forth herein, the Reporting Persons do not have any contract, arrangement, understanding or relationship with any person with respect to the securities of the Issuer.

SIGNATURE

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

Dated: June 25, 2008

CLINTON GROUP, INC.