

CTI INDUSTRIES CORP  
Form SC 13D  
February 12, 2014

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 13D**

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

CTI INDUSTRIES CORPORATION

(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK, NO PAR VALUE

(Title of Class of Securities)

I25961 30 0

(CUSIP Number)

Stephen M. Merrick, President

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22160 N. Pepper Road, Barrington, Illinois 60010 (847) 382-1000

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

February 10, 2014

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION  
NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

The Merrick Company

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

(a) £

(b) £

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. SOURCE OF FUNDS\*

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5. CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF  
LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS  
REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM £  
2(d) OR 2(e)

United States

6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF  
ORGANIZATION

7. SOLE VOTING POWER  
NUMBER OF 760,285 Shares of Common Stock  
SHARES

8. SHARED VOTING POWER  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY None

9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
EACH REPORTING PERSON 760,285 Shares of Common Stock  
WITH

10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
None

11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY  
EACH REPORTING PERSON

760,285 Shares of Common Stock

12.

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE  
AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES\*

£

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

Approximately 21.86% of the issued  
and outstanding Common Stock

14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

IN

\*SEE INSTRUCTIONS

SCHEDULE 13D

**ITEM 1. Security and Issuer.**

This Statement relates to shares of Common Stock (“Common Stock”) of CTI Industries Corporation (the “Company”). The Company’s principal executive offices are located at 22160 N. Pepper Road, Barrington, IL 60010.

**ITEM 2. Identity and Background.**

This Statement is filed by The Merrick Company, an Illinois limited liability company, its business address is 1216 W. Northwest Highway, Palatine, IL 60067. Stephen M. Merrick is the manager of The Merrick Company. Mr. Merrick is the President of the Company. The address of the Company’s principal executive offices is 22160 N. Pepper Road, Barrington, IL 60010. Mr. Merrick is a citizen of the United States of America.

During the past five years, Mr. Merrick has not been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors), nor has Mr. Merrick or The Merrick Company 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.

**ITEM 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.**

The Merrick Company purchased no Common Stock in the Company in 2013.

**ITEM 4. Purpose of Transaction.**

If the Merrick Company acquires shares of Common Stock it would be solely for investment purposes. The Merrick Company may elect to acquire shares of Common Stock or to sell shares. Any such determination may be based on a number of factors, including the continued employment of Mr. Merrick by the Company, the continued attractiveness of investment in the Company at then prevailing market prices, the number of shares of Common Stock that are available for purchase, the price or prices thereof, general market conditions and other similar factors.

While The Merrick Company reserves the right to develop plans or proposals in the future with respect to the following items, at the present time The Merrick Company has no plans or proposals that relate to or would result in any of the following:

(a) An extraordinary corporate transaction, such as a merger, reorganization or liquidation, involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries;

(b) Sale or transfer of a material amount of assets of the Company or any of its

Subsidiaries;

(c) Any change in the present Board of Directors or management of the Company, including any plans or proposals to change the number or term of directors or to fill any existing vacancies on the Board;

(d) Any material change in the present capitalization or dividend policy of the Company;

(e) Any other material change in the Company's business or corporate structure;

(f) Changes in the Company's charter, bylaws or instruments corresponding thereto or other actions which may impede the acquisition of control of the Company by any person;

(g) Causing a class of securities of the Company to be delisted from a national securities exchange or cease to be authorized to be quoted in an inter-dealer quotation system of a registered national securities association;

(h) A class of equity securities in the Company becoming eligible for termination of registration pursuant to Section 12(g)(4) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; or

(i) Any action similar to any of those enumerated above.



**ITEM 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.**

Under the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, The Merrick Company may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of a total of 760,285 shares of Common Stock of the Company, representing approximately 21.86% of the issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock.

The percentage of outstanding shares of Common Stock of the Company set out in the preceding paragraph is computed based on a total of 3,477,146 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of February 10, 2014.

During the past 60 days, The Merrick Company has not purchased or sold any shares of Common Stock of the Company.

**ITEM 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships With Respect to Securities of the Issuer.**

The Merrick Company is not a party to any contract, arrangement, understanding or relationship with any other person with respect to shares of Common Stock, including but not limited to transfer or voting of any of the securities, finder's fees, joint ventures, loan or option arrangement, puts or calls, guarantees of profits, divisions of profits or loss, or the giving or withholding of proxies.

**ITEM 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.**

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.

February 10, 2014  
Date

THE MERRICK COMPANY

By: /s/ Howard W. Schwan  
Stephen M. Merrick, its Manager

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