

HIGHFIELDS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LP
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G/A

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 8)*

MERRIMAN CURHAN FORD GROUP, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK, \$0.0001 PAR VALUE

(Title of Class of Securities)

590418109

(CUSIP Number)

DECEMBER 31, 2009

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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- ☐ Rule 13d-1(b)
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1. NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS
(ENTITIES ONLY)

Highfields Capital Management LP

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a) ☐

(b) ☒

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

1,146,461

NUMBER OF
SHARES

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

0

OWNED BY
EACH

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING
PERSON WITH

1,146,461

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,146,461

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

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

9.0%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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Highfields GP LLC

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(b) ☒

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Delaware

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

1,146,461

NUMBER OF
SHARES

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

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Highfields Associates LLC

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(a) ☐

(b) ☒

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Delaware

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

1,146,461

NUMBER OF
SHARES

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

0

OWNED BY
EACH

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING
PERSON WITH

1,146,461

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

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Jonathon S. Jacobson

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OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a) ☐

(b) ☒

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4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

1,146,461

NUMBER OF
SHARES

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

0

OWNED BY
EACH

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING
PERSON WITH

1,146,461

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,146,461

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Richard L. Grubman

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OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
(a) ☐
(b) ☒
3. SEC USE ONLY
4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

- | | | |
|---|----|--|
| NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY
EACH
REPORTING
PERSON WITH | 6. | 1,146,461
SHARED VOTING POWER |
| | 7. | 0
SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER |
| | 8. | 1,146,461
SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |

0

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,146,461

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11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

9.0%

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Highfields Capital I LP

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A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a) ☐

(b) ☒

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

117,912

NUMBER OF
SHARES

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

0

OWNED BY
EACH

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING
PERSON WITH

117,912

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

117,912

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES ☒ [x]
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

0.9%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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Highfields Capital II LP

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A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a) ☐

(b) ☒

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

225,448

NUMBER OF
SHARES

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

0

OWNED BY
EACH

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING
PERSON WITH

225,448

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

225,448

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES ☒ [x]
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

1.8%

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Highfields Capital III L.P.

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(a) ☐

(b) ☒

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Cayman Islands

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

803,101

NUMBER OF 6. SHARED VOTING POWER
SHARES

BENEFICIALLY **0**

OWNED BY

EACH 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

PERSON WITH **803,101**

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

803,101

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

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

6.3%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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Item 1 (a). Name of Issuer:

Merriman Curhan Ford Group, Inc. (the Issuer)

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

600 California Street, 9th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94108

Item 2 (a). Name of Person Filing:

This statement is being filed by the following persons with respect to the shares of common stock (Common Stock) of the Issuer directly owned by Highfields Capital I LP (Highfields I), Highfields Capital II LP (Highfields II) and Highfields Capital III L.P. (Highfields III) and, together with Highfields I and Highfields II, the Funds):

- (i) Highfields Capital Management LP, a Delaware limited partnership (Highfields Capital Management) and investment manager to each of the Funds;
- (ii) Highfields GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (Highfields GP) and the General Partner of Highfields Capital Management;
- (iii) Highfields Associates LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (Highfields Associates) and the General Partner of the Funds;
- (iv) Jonathon S. Jacobson, a Managing Member of Highfields GP and a Senior Managing Member of Highfields Associates;
- (v) Richard L. Grubman, a Managing Member of Highfields GP and a Senior Managing Member of Highfields Associates;
- (vi) Highfields I, a Delaware limited partnership;
- (vii) Highfields II, a Delaware limited partnership; and
- (viii) Highfields III, an exempted limited partnership organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands.

Highfields Capital Management, Highfields GP, Highfields Associates, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Grubman, Highfields I, Highfields II and Highfields III are sometimes individually referred to herein as a Reporting Person and collectively as the Reporting Persons.

Item 2 (b). Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence:

Address for Highfields Capital Management, Highfields GP, Highfields Associates, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Grubman, Highfields I and Highfields II:

c/o Highfields Capital Management LP
John Hancock Tower

200 Clarendon Street, 59th Floor
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

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Address for Highfields III:

c/o Goldman Sachs (Cayman) Trust, Limited
Suite 3307, Gardenia Court
45 Market Street, Camana Bay
P.O. Box 896
Grand Cayman KY1-1103
Cayman Islands

Item 2 (c). Citizenship:

Highfields Capital Management Delaware
Highfields GP Delaware
Highfields Associates Delaware
Jonathon S. Jacobson United States
Richard L. Grubman United States
Highfields I Delaware
Highfields II Delaware
Highfields III Cayman Islands

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

Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value

Item 2 (e). CUSIP Number:

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Item 3. Not applicable.

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Item 4. Ownership.

For Highfields Capital Management, Highfields GP, Highfields Associates, Mr. Jacobson and Mr. Grubman:

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 1,146,461 shares of Common Stock
- (b) Percent of class: 9.0 %
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 1,146,461
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 0
 - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 1,146,461
 - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0

For Highfields I:

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 117,912 shares of Common Stock
- (b) Percent of class: 0.9 %
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 117,912
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 0
 - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 117,912
 - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0

For Highfields II:

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 225,448 shares of Common Stock
- (b) Percent of class: 1.8 %
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 225,448

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(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 0

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 225,448

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0

For Highfields III:

(a) Amount beneficially owned: 803,101 shares of Common Stock

(b) Percent of class: 6.3 %

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

(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 803,101

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 0

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 803,101

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0

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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.

The shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by Highfields Capital Management, Highfields GP, Highfields Associates, Mr. Jacobson and Mr. Grubman are directly owned by the Funds. Highfields Capital Management serves as the investment manager to each of the Funds. Each of Highfields Capital Management, Highfields GP, Highfields Associates, Mr. Jacobson and Mr. Grubman has the power to direct the dividends from or the proceeds of the sale of the shares of Common Stock owned by the Funds.

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.

See Exhibit 1 attached hereto.

Each Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by the other Reporting Persons.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not applicable.

Item 10. Certification.

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 having that purpose or effect.

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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 16, 2010

Date

HIGHFIELDS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LP

By: Highfields GP LLC, its General Partner

/s/ Joseph F. Mazzella

Signature

Joseph F. Mazzella, Authorized Signatory

Name/Title

HIGHFIELDS GP LLC

/s/ Joseph F. Mazzella

Signature

Joseph F. Mazzella, Authorized Signatory

Name/Title

HIGHFIELDS ASSOCIATES LLC

/s/ Joseph F. Mazzella

Signature

Joseph F. Mazzella, Authorized Signatory

Name/Title

JONATHON S. JACOBSON

/s/ Joseph F. Mazzella

Signature

Joseph F. Mazzella, Authorized Signatory

Name/Title

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RICHARD L. GRUBMAN

/s/ Joseph F. Mazzella
Signature

Joseph F. Mazzella, Authorized Signatory
Name/Title

HIGHFIELDS CAPITAL I LP

By: Highfields Associates LLC, its General Partner

/s/ Joseph F. Mazzella
Signature

Joseph F. Mazzella, Authorized Signatory
Name/Title

HIGHFIELDS CAPITAL II LP

By: Highfields Associates LLC, its General Partner

/s/ Joseph F. Mazzella
Signature

Joseph F. Mazzella, Authorized Signatory
Name/Title

HIGHFIELDS CAPITAL III L.P.

By: Highfields Associates LLC, its General Partner

/s/ Joseph F. Mazzella
Signature

Joseph F. Mazzella, Authorized Signatory
Name/Title

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Exhibit 1. List of Members of Group

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MEMBERS OF GROUP

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Highfields Associates LLC
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Richard L. Grubman
Highfields Capital I LP
Highfields Capital II LP
Highfields Capital III L.P.
