TERRA INDUSTRIES INC Form 8-K October 19, 2009

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 19, 2009 TERRA INDUSTRIES INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

1-8520 (Commission File Number) 52-1145429 (IRS Employer Identification Number)

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

Terra Centre 600 Fourth Street, P.O. Box 6000 Sioux City, Iowa (Address of principal executive offices)

51102-6000 (Zip Code)

or principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (712) 277-1340

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

On October 19, 2009, Terra Industries Inc. (Terra) issued a press release announcing that Terra has signed an agreement to acquire a 50% interest in Agrium Inc. s Carseland, Alberta, Canada nitrogen production assets and certain U.S. assets for a purchase price of approximately US\$250 million.

A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibit

99.1 Press release of Terra Industries Inc., issued October 19, 2009.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

TERRA INDUSTRIES INC.

By: /s/ John W. Huey Name: John W. Huey Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

Date: October 19, 2009

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