

Heritage-Crystal Clean, Inc.
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Heritage-Crystal
Clean, Inc.
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock,
par value \$0.01
(Title of Class of
Securities)

42726M106

(CUSIP Number)

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- Rule 13d-1(b) only for Kinderhook Partners, LLC
- Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

1. Kinderhook, LP

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A
MEMBER OF A GROUP
(see instructions)

2. (a)
(b)

SEC USE ONLY

3.

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF
ORGANIZATION Delaware

5. SOLE VOTING POWER 0
NUMBER OF
SHARES
6. SHARED VOTING POWER 940,052
BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY

EACH 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0

REPORTING

PERSON

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 940,052

WITH

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
940,052

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

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 5.20%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions) PN

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

1. Kinderhook GP, LLC

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP
(see instructions)

2. (a)
(b)

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Delaware

5. SOLE VOTING POWER 0
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH
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7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0

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12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions) OO

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

1. Tushar Shah

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP
(see instructions)

2. (a)
(b)

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION United States of America

5. SOLE VOTING POWER 0
NUMBER OF SHARES OWNED BY EACH
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12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See
Instructions) IN, HC

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

1. Stephen J. Clearman

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP
(see instructions)

2. (a)
(b)

SEC USE ONLY

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REPORTING

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12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions) IN, HC

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

1. Kinderhook Partners, LLC

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(see instructions)

2. (a)
(b)

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ORGANIZATION Delaware

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12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions) IA

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Item 1(a). Name of Issuer: Heritage-Crystal Clean, Inc.

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

2175 Point Boulevard, Suite 375

Elgin, IL 60123

Item
2(a).
Name of
Person
Filing:
Kinderhook, LP
Kinderhook GP, LLC
Tushar Shah
Stephen J. Clearman
Kinderhook Partners, LLC

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

(for all reporting persons)

2 Executive Drive, Suite 585

Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024

Item 2(c). Kinderhook, LP - Delaware
Citizenship:
Kinderhook GP, LLC - Delaware
Tushar Shah - United States of America
Stephen J. Clearman - United States of America

Kinderhook Partners, LLC - Delaware

Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities: Common Stock, par value \$0.01

Item 2(e). CUSIP Number: 42726M106

Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

- (a) Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C 78o);
- (b) Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C 78c);
- (c) Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C 78c);
- (d) Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8);
- (e) An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E); **with respect to Kinderhook Partners, LLC only**
- (f) An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g) A parent holding company or control person in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h) A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);

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- (i) A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);
- (j) A non-U.S. institution in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J);
- (k) Group, in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K).

If filing as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please specify the type of institution:

Item 4. Ownership:

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

(a) Amount beneficially owned:

(b) Percent of Class:

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

(i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote:

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote:

(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

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

Ownership as of January 7, 2013 is incorporated herein by reference from items (5) – (9) and (11) of the cover pages of this Schedule 13G.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than 5 percent of the class of securities, check the following [].

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:

Kinderhook Partners, LLC (the “Investment Adviser”) serves as the investment adviser to Kinderhook, LP (the “Partnership”) and is responsible for making investment decisions on the Partnership’s behalf. Kinderhook GP, LLC (the “General Partner”) serves as the general partner to the Partnership. Messrs. Tushar Shah and Stephen Clearman serve as the General Partner’s and Investment Adviser’s co-managing members and as a result, Mr. Clearman and Mr. Shah may be deemed to control such entities. Accordingly, Mr. Clearman and Mr. Shah may be deemed to have a beneficial interest in the shares of Common Stock by virtue of their indirect control of the Partnership’s, General Partner’s, and Investment Adviser’s power to vote and/or dispose of the shares of Common Stock. Mr. Clearman and Mr. Shah disclaim beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock except to the extent of their pecuniary interest, if any, therein.

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Kinderhook, LP specifically disclaims beneficial ownership in the shares of Common Stock reported herein except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein, if any.

Kinderhook GP, LLC specifically disclaims beneficial ownership in the shares of Common Stock reported herein except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein, if any.

Kinderhook Partners, LLC specifically disclaims beneficial ownership in the shares of Common Stock reported herein except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein, if any.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person:

Not Applicable

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:

Not Applicable

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group:

Not Applicable

Item 10. Certifications:

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.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of its knowledge and belief, I certify (the undersigned certifies) that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

January 7, 2013
(Date)

/s/ Tushar Shah
(Signature)

Tushar Shah
Name and Title

January 7, 2013
(Date)

/s/ Stephen J. Clearman
(Signature)

Stephen J. Clearman
Name and Title

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January 7, 2013
(Date)

/s/ Tushar Shah
(Signature)

Tushar Shah – Managing Member of Kinderhook GP, LLC
Name and Title

January 7, 2013
(Date)

/s/ Tushar Shah
(Signature)

Tushar Shah – Managing Member of Kinderhook, LP's General Partner
Name and Title

Item 10. Certifications:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and 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.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of its knowledge and belief, I certify (the undersigned certifies) that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

January 7, 2013
(Date)

/s/ Tushar Shah

(Signature)

Tushar Shah, Managing Member of Kinderhook Partners, LLC
Name and Title

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