MERCER INTERNATIONAL INC. Form SC 13G/A February 14, 2014
UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549
SCHEDULE 13G/A
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 3)*
Mercer International Inc.
(Name of Issuer)
Common Stock (Title of Class of Securities)
<b>588056101</b> (CUSIP Number)
December 31, 2013 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)
Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:
o Rule 13d-1(b)

x Rule 13d-1(c)

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\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)
Gates Capital Management, Inc.

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See

2 Instructions)

(a) x

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# 4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware Corporation

		SOLE VOTING POWER
	5	
NUMBER OF		0
SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH	6	SHARED VOTING POWER
	O	8,430,989 shares of Common Stock
REPORTING		SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
PERSON	7	
WITH		0
		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
	8	

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#### AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

8,430,989 shares of Common Stock

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CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)

8,430,989 shares of Common Stock

o 11

#### PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

Approximately 15.1% as of the date of this filing (based on 55,853,704 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of October 31,2013)

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY) Gates Capital Partners, L.P.

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# 4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware Limited Partnership

		SOLE VOTING POWER
	5	
NUMBER OF		0
SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH	6	SHARED VOTING POWER
		8,430,989 shares of Common Stock
REPORTING		SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
PERSON	7	
WITH		0
	0	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
	8	8,430,989 shares of Common Stock

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY) ECF Value Fund, L.P.

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# 4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware Limited Partnership

		SOLE VOTING POWER
	5	
NUMBER OF		0
SHARES BENEFICIALLY	6	SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY EACH	O	8,430,989 shares of Common Stock
REPORTING		SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
PERSON	7	
WITH		0
		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
	8	

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8,430,989 shares of Common Stock

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#### AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

8,430,989 shares of Common Stock

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY) ECF Value Fund II, L.P.

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See

2 Instructions)

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# 4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware Limited Partnership

		SOLE VOTING POWER
	5	
NUMBER OF		0
SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH	6	SHARED VOTING POWER
	O	8,430,989 shares of Common Stock
REPORTING		SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
PERSON	7	
WITH		0
		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8

8,430,989 shares of Common Stock

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#### AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

8,430,989 shares of Common Stock

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

1 I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

ECF Value Fund International Master L.P.

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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

British Virgin Islands Limited Partnership

SOLE VOTING POWER

5 NUMBER OF 0

SHARES SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 6

EACH 8,430,989 shares of Common Stock

REPORTING SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON 7

WITH 0

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8

8,430,989 shares of Common Stock

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AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

8,430,989 shares of Common Stock

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o 11

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)
Jeffrey L. Gates

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# 4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States Citizen

SOLE VOTING POWER

5 NUMBER OF

SHARES SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 6

EACH 8,430,989 shares of Common Stock

0

REPORTING SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON 7

WITH 0

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

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8,430,989 shares of Common Stock

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#### AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

8,430,989 shares of Common Stock

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o 11

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

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#### Item 1. (a) Name of Issuer

Mercer International Inc.

#### (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices

Suite 1120, 700 West Pender Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V6C 1G8

Item 2. (a) Name of Person Filing

#### (b) Address of Principal Business Office, or, if none, Residence

#### (c) Citizenship

Gates Capital Management, Inc.

1177 Ave. of the Americas, 32nd Floor

New York, New York 10036

**Delaware Corporation** 

Gates Capital Partners, L.P.

c/o Gates Capital Management, Inc.

1177 Ave. of the Americas, 32nd Floor

New York, New York 10036

Delaware Limited Partnership

ECF Value Fund, L.P.

c/o Gates Capital Management, Inc.

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New York, New York 10036

Delaware Limited Partnership

ECF Value Fund II, L.P.

c/o Gates Capital Management, Inc.	
1177 Ave. of the Americas, 32nd Floor	
New York, New York 10036	
Delaware Limited Partnership	
ECF Value Fund International Master L.P.	
c/o Harneys Westwood & Riegels	
Craigmuir Chambers	
P.O. Box 71	
Road Town, Tortola	
British Virgin Islands	
British Virgin Islands Limited Partnership	
Jeffrey L. Gates	
c/o Gates Capital Management, Inc.	
1177 Ave. of the Americas, 32nd Floor	
New York, New York 10036	
United States Citizen	
	(d) Title of Class of Securities
	Common Stock
	(e) CUSIP No.:
	588056101

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# Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to §§240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-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. 780);
- (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) o An investment adviser in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (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 associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
- (i) A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);
- (j) A non-U.S. institution in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J);

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#### Item 4. Ownership

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

Gates Capital Management, Inc.

Gates Capital Partners, L.P.

**ECF Value Fund, L.P.** 

ECF Value Fund II, L.P.

ECF Value Fund International Master L.P.

#### Jeffrey L. Gates

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 8,430,989 shares of Common Stock
- (b) Percent of class: Approximately 15.1% as of the date of this filing (based on 55,853,704 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of October 31, 2013)
- (c) Number of shares as to which the person has:
- (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 0
- (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 8,430,989 shares of Common Stock
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 8,430,989 shares of Common Stock

#### 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 five percent of the class of securities, check the following |\_|

### Item 6. Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

Not Applicable

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