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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 11-K

ANNUAL REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014

Commission file no. 1-11430

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

MINERALS TECHNOLOGIES INC. SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

MINERALS TECHNOLOGIES INC.

622 Third Avenue New York, New York, 10017-6707

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Savings and Investment Plan Committee of Minerals Technologies Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the Minerals Technologies Inc. Savings and Investment Plan (the Plan) as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

The supplemental information in the accompanying schedule H, line 4i – schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2014 has been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of the Plan's 2014 financial statements. The supplemental information is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but include supplemental information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The supplemental information is the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our audit procedures included determining whether the supplemental information reconciles to the financial statements or the underlying accounting and other records, as applicable, and performing procedures to test the completeness and accuracy of the information presented in the supplemental information. In forming our opinion on the supplemental information, we evaluated whether the supplemental information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. In our opinion, the supplemental information in the accompanying schedule H, line 4i – schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2014 is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the 2014 financial statements as a whole.

/s/ KPMG LLP

New York, New York June 24, 2015

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MINERALS TECHNOLOGIES INC. SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits (in thousands)

	December 31,	
	2014	2013
Assets:		
Investments, at fair value (Notes 3 & 4):		
Cash equivalents	\$172	\$229
In securities of participating employer	45,015	38,851
In securities of unaffiliated issuers:		
Common stock	16,293	17,016
Common collective funds	48,848	42,604
Pooled separate account	31,255	33,271
Mutual funds	64,427	61,145
Total investments, at fair value	206,010	193,116
Notes receivable from participants	2,708	2,710
Cash - non-interest bearing	893	824
Due from broker	335	
Net assets available for benefits, before adjustment below	209,946	196,650
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for fully		
benefit-responsive investment contracts (Note 3)	(174) (159)
Net assets available for benefits	\$209,772	\$196,491
See accompanying notes to the financial statements.		

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Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits (in thousands)

	Year Ended	
	December 31,	
Additions to net assets attributed to:	2014	2013
Investment income:		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments (Note		
3)	\$14,741	\$35,938
Dividends	1,706	1,511
Interest	550	603
Investment income	16,997	38,052
Interest from notes receivable from participants	113	114
Contributions:		
Participants	6,483	6,073
Employer	2,874	2,785
Total contributions	9,357	8,858
Total additions	26,467	47,024
Reductions from net assets attributed to:		
Benefits paid to participants	13,126	14,301
Administrative expenses	60	121
Total reductions	13,186	14,422
Net increase	13,281	32,602
Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of year	196,491	163,889
End of year	\$209,772	\$196,491
See accompanying notes to the financial statements.		
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Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2014 and 2013

(1) Description of Plan

The following description of the Minerals Technologies Inc. Savings and Investment Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan sponsored by Minerals Technologies Inc. (the Plan Sponsor or Company). Employees become eligible to participate in the Plan on the date of their employment.

The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA).

Contributions

Participants may elect to contribute between 2% and 20% of eligible earnings (as defined). Contributions may be made on a before-tax basis, on an after-tax basis, or on a combined basis. Employee contributions of the first 3% of the participant's eligible contributions will be matched 100% by the Company and the next 2% will be matched 50% by the Company. Employee contributions in excess of 5% will not be matched. While it is the Company's intention to make matching contributions each payroll period, the Company's Board of Directors reserves the right to increase, reduce or eliminate matching contributions for any Plan Year, or for any payroll period. The Company's matching contributions are invested solely in the Company's common stock. Participants can, at any time, transfer or reallocate amounts held in the MTI Common Stock Fund to another fund under the Plan. Employees initially eligible to participate in the Plan on or after January 1, 2012 will be automatically enrolled at a 3% contribution rate. Newly eligible participants have approximately 45 days from their initial eligibility date to choose a different pre-tax percentage, contribute on an after-tax basis or to opt not to participate in the Plan. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The maximum before-tax contribution limit for participants under age 50 was \$17,500 for 2014 and \$17,500 for 2013. However, a participant's contributions may be further increased or reduced based on the rules and regulations of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). All eligible employees who are projected to attain age 50 before the end of the year will be eligible to make pre-tax catch-up contributions in accordance with certain regulations.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and allocations of (a) the Company's contributions and (b) Plan earnings or loss, and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's account.

Vesting

Participants are fully vested in the entire value of their accounts at the time of contribution.

Investment Options

Each participant in the Plan elects to have contributions invested in any one or a combination of the following separate investment options as of December 31, 2014:

New York Life Insurance Anchor Account III: This fund is a New York Life Insurance Company pooled separate account which invests in fixed income securities.

Aberdeen Total Return Bond Fund: This fund normally invests at least 80% of net assets in investment-grade fixed income securities issued or guaranteed by U.S. for foreign governments, supranational entities, municipalities and corporations in developed and emerging markets.

SSgA Aged Based Strategy Funds: These funds are designed to incorporate a broad range of asset classes to provide diversification of returns and risks consistent with a stated time horizon. The Strategy Funds asset mix

becomes progressively more conservative over time as the strategy target date grows nearer. The strategy target dates range from 2010 to 2045. The investments are in a combination of U.S. stocks, international stocks, bonds

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and cash.

American Beacon Large Cap Value Fund: The fund normally invests at least 80% of assets in equity securities of large market capitalization U.S. companies.

American Funds - Fundamental Investors Fund: This fund invests primarily in common stocks and may invest significantly in securities of issuers domiciled outside the U.S. and Canada and not included in the S&P 500 Index. Black Rock Equity Index Fund: This fund invests in the same stocks held in the S & P 500 Index.

Mainstay Balanced Fund: This fund is invested in stocks, bonds and cash equivalents. Approximately 60% of the fund is invested in mid and large capitalization stocks, and 40% in fixed income securities and cash equivalents. Wells Fargo Advantage Large Cap Growth Fund (Administrator Class): This fund primarily invests in large high potential growth companies in rapidly expanding industries. It may also invest up to 25% of assets in securities domiciled outside the U.S.

SSgA Russell 2000 Index Strategy Fund: This fund is designed to match the risk and return of the Russell 2000 Index, a broadly based average of the U.S. equity market.

SSgA S&P Midcap 400 Index Strategy Fund: This fund is designed to match the risk and return of the Standard & Poor's 400 Index, a broadly based average of the U.S. equity market.

MTI Common Stock Fund: This fund invests in the Company's common stock. The MTI Common Stock Fund is a participant-directed fund. All Company matching contributions are invested in this fund, and once deposited, the investments are participant-directed.

Pfizer Common Stock Fund: This fund invests in the common stock of Pfizer Inc. The fund holds contributions to the Pfizer Common Stock Fund, which were transferred from Pfizer Inc. when the Plan was established. No new contributions or transfers can be made into this fund, however, participants are allowed to transfer balances from this fund into other investment options.

Mainstay International Equity Fund: This fund invests in a broad range of international stocks traded in public markets.

TD Ameritrade Brokerage Account: This is a participant-directed brokerage account which invests primarily in a variety of publicly available mutual funds, common stock and cash and cash equivalents.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their accounts an amount up to \$50,000 or 50 percent of their account balance, whichever is less. The minimum amount a participant may borrow is \$1,000. The loan repayments and interest earned are allocated to each eligible investment option based upon the participant's current contribution election percentages.

Loans must be repaid over a period of not more than five years, however, if the loan is used to purchase a principal residence, the loan can be repaid over a period of not more than fifteen years. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates that range from 4.25% to 10.50% for both 2013 and 2014 which are fixed at the time of the loan and which are commensurate with prevailing rates as determined quarterly by the Plan administrator.

Payment of Benefits

On termination of service due to death, disability, retirement, or other reasons, a participant would receive a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's account. In-service withdrawals, including hardship withdrawals, may also be made under certain circumstances.

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(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (U.S. GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Asset Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Short-term investments are recorded at cost, which approximates fair value. The common stock within the MTI Common Stock Fund, Pfizer Common Stock Fund, and the shares of mutual funds, including those held in the brokerage account are valued using quoted market prices. Common collective funds and the pooled separate account are stated at fair value reported by the fund manager based on the underlying investments within each fund and are expressed in units representing the net asset value of each fund. The value of a unit will fluctuate in response to various factors including, but not limited to, the price of the underlying shares, dividends paid, earnings and losses, and the mix of assets in the respective fund. These investments do not have a readily determinable fair value and as a practical expedient, the Fund relies on net asset values as the fair value for certain investments as of the Plan's measurement date.

The funds in the pooled separate account are invested in benefit responsive investments contracts and are presented at fair value in the statements of net assets available for benefits with a corresponding adjustment to contract value and the related investment activity is presented at contract value in the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits. The fair value of fully benefit-responsive investment contracts is calculated using a discounted cash flow model which considers recent fee bids as determined by recognized dealers, discount rate and the duration of the underlying portfolio securities.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade date basis. The net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments consists of the net realized gains and losses from the sale of investments and the unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of the fair value for the investments remaining in the Plan.

Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis.

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the plan agreement. Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

On May 1, 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issues Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2015-07, Disclosures for Investments in Certain Entities That Calculate Net Asset Value per Share (or Its Equivalent), which removes the requirement to categorize within the fair value hierarchy all investment for which the fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient. The ASU also removes the requirement to make certain disclosures for all investments that are eligible to be measured at fair value using the net asset value per share practical expedient. The ASU is effective for public business entities for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted. Management is currently evaluating the impact of adopting this new accounting standard update on the Plan's financial statements.

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(3) Investments

The following presents investments that represent 5 percent or more of the Plan's net assets:

(dollars and units in thousands) December 31,

2014 2013

MTI Common Stock Fund,

648 units and 647 units, respectively \$45,015 \$38,851

Pfizer Common Stock Fund,

523 units and 556 units, respectively \$16,293 \$17,016

New York Life Insurance Anchor Account III,

31,081 units and 33,112 units, respectively * \$31,255 \$33,271