

MARINER ENERGY INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
VAN DEN BOLD MIKE C

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE BRIARLAKE PLAZA, SUITE 2000, 2000 WEST SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY SOUTH

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77042

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
MARINER ENERGY INC [ME]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/09/2007

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Sr VP & Chief Expl. Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                 | Amount                                                                                        | (A) or (D)                                               | Price                             |
| Common Stock                    | 05/09/2007                           |                                                    | F                              |                                                                   | 3,937                                                                                         | <u>D</u><br><u>(1)</u>                                   | <u>(1)</u>                        |
| Common Stock                    | 05/09/2007                           |                                                    | A                              |                                                                   | 39,823                                                                                        | <u>A</u><br><u>(2)</u>                                   | <u>(2)</u>                        |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 14                                                  |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | (3) 03/11/2015                                           | Common Stock                                                  | 74,000                                                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                                                     | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|                                                                                                                    | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| VAN DEN BOLD MIKE C<br>ONE BRIARLAKE PLAZA, SUITE 2000<br>2000 WEST SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY SOUTH<br>HOUSTON, TX 77042 |               |           | Sr VP & Chief Expl. Officer |       |

## Signatures

Mike C. van den Bold by Teresa G. Bushman pursuant to Power of Attorney dated March 1, 2006 (previously filed as Exhibit 24 to Mr. van den Bold's Form 4 filed on May 31, 2006). 05/11/2007

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
  - \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) On May 9, 2007, 13,369 shares of the issuer's common stock granted to the reporting person under the issuer's Stock Incentive Plan, as amended and restated from time to time (the "Plan"), vested. To satisfy withholding tax obligations in connection with the vesting, the issuer withheld the shares this Form reports were disposed. In accordance with the Plan, the number of shares withheld was determined by reference to the closing price per share of the issuer's common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on May 8, 2007 of \$22.82.
- (2) Shares of restricted stock granted on May 9, 2007 under the Plan. The shares vest 25% on each of the first four anniversaries of the date of grant. The number of shares granted was determined by reference to the closing price per share of the issuer's common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on May 9, 2007 of \$22.60.
- (3) The option becomes exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning March 11, 2006.

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