

GRAN TIERRA 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 \*  
Ellson Ryan

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
GRAN TIERRA ENERGY INC.  
[GTE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/12/2015

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
CFO

C/O GRAN TIERRA ENERGY INC., 200, 150 13 AVENUE SW  
  
(Street)

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

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

CALGARY, A0 T2R 0V2

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock                    | 05/12/2015                           |  | A                              | (A)<br>Amount<br>60,000<br>(1)                                    | \$ 0 60,000   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 170,030   | I  | By West Face SPV (Cayman) I L.P.  |

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) |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (Rt to Buy)                   | \$ 3.69  | 05/12/2015                           |  | A                              | 350,000   | (2)  | 05/11/2020  | Common Stock | 350,000                    |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Ellson Ryan<br>C/O GRAN TIERRA ENERGY INC.<br>200, 150 13 AVENUE SW<br>CALGARY, A0 T2R 0V2 |               |           | CFO     |       |

## Signatures

/s/ David Hardy,  
Attorney-In-Fact

05/14/2015

\*\*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).

- Reflects the receipt of a restricted stock unit. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one (1) share of Gran
- (1) Tierra Energy Inc. common stock. The restricted stock units shall vest in three equal consecutive annual installments on May 12, 2016, May 12, 2017 and May 12, 2018, until fully vested.
- (2) 1/3rd of the option shares shall vest on May 12, 2016, an additional 1/3rd of the option shares shall vest on May 12, 2017 and the balance of the option shares shall vest on May 12, 2018.

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