

SPINNAKER EXPLORATION CO

Form 4

December 15, 2005

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
**WARBURG PINCUS VENTURES
LP**

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
**SPINNAKER EXPLORATION CO
[SKE]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

466 LEXINGTON AVENUE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/13/2005

____ Director ____ ☒ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

NEW YORK, NY 10017

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (1)	(A) or (D) Price (2)	
Common Stock	12/13/2005		U		6,800,585	D 65.5 0	D

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)**

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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 of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
WARBURG PINCUS VENTURES LP 466 LEXINGTON AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10017	X

Signatures

Scott A. Arenare, on behalf of Warburg Pincus
Ventures, L.P. 12/15/2005

__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) The stockholder is Warburg Pincus Ventures, L.P. ("WPV"). Warburg Pincus Partners, LLC ("WPP"), a New York limited liability company and a subsidiary of Warburg Pincus & Co. ("WP"), is the sole general partner of WPV. WPV is managed by Warburg Pincus LLC ("WP LLC"). The address of WPV, WPP, WP and WP LLC (collectively, the "Warburg Pincus Entities") is 466 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10017.
- (2) The shares were disposed of pursuant to the merger agreement between the issuer and Norsk Hydro ASA in exchange for merger consideration of \$65.50 per share.

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