

Arnheim Walter Richard
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
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Arnheim Walter Richard

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)
1200 SMITH STREET, SUITE 800
(Street)

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

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

HOUSTON, TX 77002

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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Person

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			

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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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. D
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.51	12/13/2005	D		20,000		<u>(1)</u>	08/09/2014	Common Stock	20,000
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 34.14	12/13/2005	D		2,500		<u>(2)</u>	08/09/2009	Common Stock	2,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Arnheim Walter Richard 1200 SMITH STREET SUITE 800 HOUSTON, TX 77002	X			

Signatures

Walter R.
Arnheim

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).

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- Options vested 20% on August 9, 2004, the grant date, and vested in 20% increments on each anniversary date of the grant date and were
- (1) canceled in the merger in exchange for a cash payment of \$659,800.00, representing the difference between the exercise price of the option and merger consideration of \$65.50.
 - (2) Options vested 100% on August 9, 2004, the grant date, and were canceled in the merger in exchange for a cash payment of \$78,400.00, representing the difference between the exercise price of the option and merger consideration of \$65.50.

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