

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SCHAIBLE DAVID F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/ [NFX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY. E., #2020

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/21/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Exec. Vice Pres.- Op / Acq

(Street)  
HOUSTON, TX 77060

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
common stock	12/21/2005		M	V Amount (A) or (D) Price 40,000 A \$ 11.85	192,598 <sup>(1)</sup> <u>(2)</u>	D	
common stock	12/21/2005		S	40,000 D \$ 51.0609	152,598	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)

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
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 11.85 <sup>(3)</sup>	12/21/2005		M	40,000	<sup>(3)</sup>	02/12/2008	common stock	40,000 <sup>(3)</sup>
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 7.97 <sup>(4)</sup>					<sup>(4)</sup>	09/01/2008	common stock	30,000 <sup>(4)</sup>
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 14.91 <sup>(5)</sup>					<sup>(5)</sup>	02/10/2010	common stock	40,000 <sup>(5)</sup>
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 19.02 <sup>(6)</sup>					<sup>(6)</sup>	02/09/2011	common stock	20,000 <sup>(6)</sup>
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 16.87 <sup>(7)</sup>					<sup>(7)</sup>	02/07/2012	common stock	30,000 <sup>(7)</sup>
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 17.84 <sup>(8)</sup>					<sup>(8)</sup>	11/26/2012	common stock	20,000 <sup>(8)</sup>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SCHAIBLE DAVID F 363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY. E., #2020 HOUSTON, TX 77060	X		Exec. Vice Pres.- Op / Acq	

## Signatures

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David F.

12/22/2005

\*\*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) On May 25, 2005, the common stock of the Issuer split 2-for-1, resulting in the reporting person's acquisition of 76,059 additional shares of common stock.
  - (2) The total includes 480 shares acquired by the reporting person on June 30, 2005 under the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.  
Part of a grant to the reporting person of 40,000 shares from the Issuer's 1995 Stock Plan. The options vested in five annual installments
  - (3) beginning 2/12/1999. This option was previously reported as covering 20,000 shares at an exercise price of \$23.69 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.  
Part of a grant to the reporting person of 100,000 shares from the Issuer's 1998 Stock Plan. The options vested in three installments
  - (4) beginning 9/1/2001. This option was previously reported as covering 50,000 shares at an exercise price of \$15.94 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.  
Part of a grant to the reporting person of 40,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vested in five annual installments
  - (5) beginning 2/10/2001. This option was previously reported as covering 20,000 shares at an exercise price of \$29.81 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.  
Part of a grant to the reporting person of 20,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vested in five annual installments
  - (6) beginning 2/09/2002. This option was previously reported as covering 10,000 shares at an exercise price of \$38.03 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.  
Part of a grant to the reporting person of 30,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vested in five annual installments
  - (7) beginning 2/07/2003. This option was previously reported as covering 15,000 shares at an exercise price of \$33.73 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.  
Part of a grant to the reporting person of 20,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vested in five annual installments
  - (8) beginning 11/26/2003. This option was previously reported as covering 10,000 shares at an exercise price of \$35.68 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.

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