

Kraton Performance Polymers, Inc.
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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 *
 GMT CAPITAL CORP

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Kraton Performance Polymers, Inc.
 [KRA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/20/2010

___ Director ___X___ 10% Owner
 ___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

GMT CAPITAL CORP, 2100 RIVEREDGE PARKWAY SUITE 840

(Street)

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

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

ATLANTA, GA 30328

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 12/20/2010 | | P | (A) or (D) A | 24,400 \$ 30.97 | 3,178,655 ⁽⁴⁾ 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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|-------|
| | | | | 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 |
| GMT CAPITAL CORP GMT CAPITAL CORP 2100 RIVEREDGE PARKWAY SUITE 840 ATLANTA, GA 30328 | | X | | |

Signatures

Thomas E. Claugus
 Signature of Reporting Person: _____ Date: 12/21/2010

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) This Form 4 is being jointly filed by Bay Resource Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Bay"), Bay II Resource Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Bay II"), Bay Resource Partners Offshore Master Fund, L.P., an exempted limited partnership organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands ("Offshore Fund"), GMT Capital Corp., a Georgia corporation ("GMT Capital"), and Thomas E. Claugus, a United States citizen ("Claugus"). The foregoing persons are hereinafter sometimes collectively referred to as the Reporting Persons.

(2) GMT Capital, the general partner of Bay and Bay II, has the power to direct the affairs of Bay and Bay II, including the voting and disposition of shares. As the discretionary investment manager of the Offshore Fund and certain other accounts, GMT Capital has power to direct the voting and disposition of shares held by the Offshore Fund and such accounts. Mr. Claugus is the President of GMT Capital and in that capacity directs the operations of each of Bay and Bay II and the voting and disposition of shares held by the Offshore Fund and separate client accounts managed by GMT Capital. GMT Capital and Mr. Claugus may be deemed to beneficially own indirect pecuniary interest as the result of performance-based fees and profit allocations. Each of GMT Capital and Mr. Claugus disclaims such beneficial ownership except to the extent ultimately realized.

(3) The aggregate number of shares of common stock purchased was 24,400 shares and such shares were purchased by the Reporting Persons in the following amounts: Bay = 3,400 shares; Bay II = 4,000 shares; Offshore Fund = 16,000 shares; GMT Capital = 600 shares; Claugus = 400 shares.

(4) 3,178,655 shares of common stock is the aggregate number of shares of common stock owned by the Reporting Persons and is owned as follows: Bay = 421,500 shares directly owned by it; Bay II = 913,800 shares directly owned by it; Offshore Fund = 1,624,655 shares

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directly owned by it; GMT Capital = 129,500 shares of common stock beneficially owned by it with respect to separate client accounts managed by it; Claugus = 89,200 shares directly owned by him.

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