

SCHEIRMAN W RUSSELL II  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
SCHEIRMAN W RUSSELL II

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
VAALCO ENERGY INC /DE/ [EGY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
4600 POST OAK PLACE, SUITE 309  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/30/2009

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

HOUSTON, TX 77027

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/30/2009		M		300,000	A	\$ 3.85
Common Stock	12/30/2009		F(1)		265,521	D	\$ 4.7
					35,173	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
Options	\$ 3.85	12/30/2009		M	300,000	(2)	01/12/2010	Common Stock	300,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SCHEIRMAN W RUSSELL II 4600 POST OAK PLACE SUITE 309 HOUSTON, TX 77027	X		President	

## Signatures

//W. Russell  
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Date: 12/31/2009

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## 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).

The Reporting Person exercised 300,000 non-statutory options, which options were otherwise due to expire on January 12, 2010. The

(1) Reporting Person executed a cashless exercise to effectuate the transaction. The cashless exercise resulted in a net gain of 34,479 shares of directly held common stock. To cover the cost of the options and associated taxes the Issuer withheld 265,521 shares.

(2) The options vested 1/3 on each of 1/12/2005, 2006 and 2007.

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