

Lafargue Antoine Jean
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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 *
 Lafargue Antoine Jean

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 MAGELLAN PETROLEUM CORP /DE/ [MPET]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 7 CUSTOM HOUSE STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 11/30/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP, CFO, TREASURER

PORTLAND, OR 04101
 (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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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | (A) or (D) | Code V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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 | 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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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 | Amo Num Shar |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|------|---|---------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Non-qualified stock option (right to buy) <u>(1)</u> | \$ 1.1 | 11/30/2011 | | | A | | 400,000 | | <u>(2)</u> | 11/30/2021 | Common Stock | 400 |
| Non-qualified stock option (right to buy) <u>(1)</u> | \$ 1.1 | 11/30/2011 | | | A | | 200,000 | | <u>(3)</u> | 11/30/2021 | Common Stock | 200 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Lafargue Antoine Jean 7 CUSTOM HOUSE STREET PORTLAND, OR 04101 | | | VP, CFO,TREASURER | |

Signatures

/s/ Antoine J.
Lafargue

12/02/2011

**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 November 30, 2011, the reporting person was awarded two non-qualified stock options pursuant to the Company's 1998 Stock Incentive Plan, which options cover an aggregate of 600,000 shares of the Company's common stock.

(2) The time-based options awarded on November 30, 2011 cover 400,000 shares of common stock, have an exercise price of \$1.10 per share and vest as follows: 200,000 option shares vest in full on November 30, 2012 and 200,000 option shares vest in full on November 30, 2013.

(3) The performance-based options awarded on November 30, 2011 cover 200,000 shares of common stock, have an exercise price of \$1.10 per share and vest as follows: 100,000 option shares vest in full upon the completion of the Nautilus drilling program; 50,000 option shares vest in full upon the completion of the relocation of the Company's headquarters from Portland, Maine to Denver, Colorado; and 50,000 option shares vest in full upon the "completion" (as defined in the SA referenced below) of the asset swap transaction subject to the September 14, 2011 Sale Agreement between Magellan Petroleum (NT) PTY LTD, Santos QNT PTY LTD and Santos Limited (the "SA").

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