

Moreira Julio Cesar Dias  
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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 \*  
Moreira Julio Cesar Dias

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
GRAN TIERRA ENERGY, INC.  
[GTE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/02/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Pres., GT Brasil Ltda.

C/O GRAN TIERRA ENERGY INC., 300, 625 - 11TH AVENUE SW

(Street)

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

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

CALGARY, A0 T2R 0E1

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/02/2012                           |  | X                              | A   | \$ 25,000<br>3.95   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/02/2012                           |  | S                              | D   | \$ 748<br>5.88  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/02/2012                           |  | S                              | D   | \$ 5,000<br>5.85  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 4,000   | I  | By Saba Investment Holdings                           |

Ltd.

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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Option (Rt to Buy)                   | \$ 3.95  | 03/02/2012                           |  | X                              | 25,000  | 09/08/2010 <sup>(1)</sup> 09/07/2019                     | Common Stock  | 25,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                        |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                | Other |
| Moreira Julio Cesar Dias<br>C/O GRAN TIERRA ENERGY INC.<br>300, 625 - 11TH AVENUE SW<br>CALGARY, A0 T2R 0E1 |               |           | Pres., GT Brasil Ltda. |       |

## Signatures

/s/Sonya Messner,  
Attorney-In-Fact

03/05/2012

\*\*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) 1/3rd of the option shares shall vest on 9/8/10, an additional 1/3rd of the option shares shall vest on 9/8/11 and the balance of the option shares shall vest on 9/8/12.

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