

CRIMSON EXPLORATION INC.  
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 \*  
Mengle Jay S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CRIMSON EXPLORATION INC.  
[CXPO.OB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/08/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Sr Vice President

C/O CRIMSON EXPLORATION INC., 717 TEXAS AVENUE, SUITE 2900

(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

HOUSTON, TX 77002

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)			
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	09/08/2008		A		45,000	A	115,950
						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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17	09/08/2008		D	90,000	(2) 04/01/2015	Common Stock	90,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Mengle Jay S C/O CRIMSON EXPLORATION INC. 717 TEXAS AVENUE, SUITE 2900 HOUSTON, TX 77002			Sr Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/ Stephen W. Schoppe 09/09/2008

\*\*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 September 8, 2008, the reporting person forfeited options granted to him on April 1, 2005. In exchange for the forfeiture of the options, the reporting person received 45,000 shares of restricted common stock under the Crimson Exploration Inc. 2005 Stock Incentive Plan. Of these shares of restricted stock, 12.5% will vest on each of September 8, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012, and the remaining 50% will vest on September 8, 2013.
- (2) The forfeited options have vested and were eligible to be exercised with respect to 15% of the shares on April 1, 2006 and 25% on each of April 1, 2007 and 2008. The options would have vested and could have been exercised with respect to the remaining 35% of the shares on April 1, 2009.

### Remarks:

This form has been signed by Stephen W. Schoppe, Acting Secretary for Crimson Exploration Inc., on behalf of Mr. Mengle pursuant to an instrument of power of attorney dated April 1, 2007. The authority granted pursuant to such instrument is to remain in full force and effect until rescinded in writing by Mr. Mengle.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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