

Serota Jeffrey
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Serota Jeffrey

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ARES MANAGEMENT LLC, 2000 AVENUE OF THE STARS, 12TH FLOOR

(Street)

LOS ANGELES, CA 90067

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SANDRIDGE ENERGY INC [SD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/13/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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 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) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |
| Common Stock | 01/13/2012 | | A | (1) 17,081 (2) <u> </u> (3) <u> </u> (4) <u> </u> | A | \$ 0 | 98,388 (3) (4) D |
| Common Stock | 01/14/2012 | | J | 4,374 (2) (3) (4) | D | \$ 0 | 94,014 (3) (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)

| 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. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | 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 |
| Serota Jeffrey ARES MANAGEMENT LLC 2000 AVENUE OF THE STARS, 12TH FLOOR LOS ANGELES, CA 90067 | | X | | |

Signatures

By: Gaye A. Wilkerson, Power of Attorney
Date: 01/18/2012

__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) Shares of Restricted Stock granted on January 13, 2012, which shall vest twenty-five percent on the 13th day of January in each of the years, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.
The transaction reported was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on July 8, 2011, pursuant to which the reporting person has transferred such shares to Ares Management LLC (Ares Management). The trading plan related to the requirements described in footnotes (2) and (3) below.
Jeffrey Serota is associated with Ares Management and certain entities managed by or affiliated with Ares Management (together with Ares Management, the Ares Entities). Pursuant to the policies of the Ares Entities, Mr. Serota holds these securities as a nominee on behalf of, and for the sole benefit of, Ares Management and has assigned all economic, pecuniary and voting rights in respect of these securities to Ares Management. Mr. Serota disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares issued in his name, including shares that previously vested, except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein, and the filing of this Form 4 shall not be deemed an admission that Mr. Serota is the beneficial owner of, or has any interest in, any such securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.
- (4) Amounts reported in this Form 4 do not include any securities of the Issuer held by Ares Corporate Opportunities Fund II, L.P. (ACOF II), Ares SandRidge L.P. (Ares SandRidge) and Ares SandRidge 892 Investors, L.P. (together with Ares SandRidge, the ACOF II AIVs), each of which is indirectly controlled by Ares Management. Mr. Serota disclaims beneficial ownership of all securities of the Issuer held

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