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April 28, 2006

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 3)*

THE HOUSTON EXPLORATION COMPANY

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value

(Title of Class of Securities)

442120101

(CUSIP Number)

Marc Weingarten, Esq.
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919 Third Avenue
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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

April 27, 2006

(Date of Event which Requires
Filing of This Statement)

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The Schedule 13D filed on February 21, 2006 by Jana Partners LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Reporting Person"), relating to the shares ("Shares") of common stock, \$0.01 par value, of The Houston Exploration Company (the "Issuer"), as previously amended by Amendment No. 1 to the Schedule 13D filed on April 17, 2006 and Amendment No. 2 to the Schedule 13D filed on April 24, 2006, is hereby further amended as set forth below by this Amendment No. 3 to the Schedule 13D.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

Item 4 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended by the addition of the following:

On April 27, 2006, the Reporting Person sent a letter via email to certain other shareholders of the Issuer, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit D and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 7. MATERIAL TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS

Item 7 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended by the addition of the following:

3. Exhibit D - Letter to the shareholders dated April 27, 2006.

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: April 28, 2006

JANA PARTNERS LLC

BY: /s/ Barry Rosenstein

Name: Barry Rosenstein

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Title: Managing Partner

BY: /s/ Gary Claar

Name: Gary Claar

Title: Managing Director