

PETROHAWK ENERGY CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**CHRISTMAS JAMES W**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**PETROHAWK ENERGY CORP [HK]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1000 LOUISIANA, SUITE 5600  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 08/15/2011

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

HOUSTON, TX 77002

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	08/15/2011		G	V 52,000 D \$ 0	1,919,297	D	
Common Stock	08/20/2011		U	1,919,297 D \$ 38.75	0	D	
Common Stock	08/20/2011		D	12,400 D \$ 38.75	0	D	
Common Stock	08/20/2011		U	59,400 D \$ 38.75	0	I	See Note (1)
Common Stock	08/20/2011		U	60,000 D \$ 38.75	0	I	By GRAT

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Common Stock    08/20/2011    U    30,544    D    \$ 38.75    0    I    By IRA

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.24	08/20/2011		D	148,161	(2) 07/01/2013		Common Stock	148,161
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.4	08/20/2011		D	71,117	(2) 01/02/2014		Common Stock	71,117
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.62	08/20/2011		D	71,117	(2) 07/01/2014		Common Stock	71,117
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.75	08/20/2011		D	59,382	(2) 01/03/2015		Common Stock	59,382
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.59	08/20/2011		D	59,382	(2) 07/01/2015		Common Stock	59,382
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.22	08/20/2011		D	82,851	(2) 01/02/2016		Common Stock	82,851

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CHRISTMAS JAMES W 1000 LOUISIANA SUITE 5600 HOUSTON, TX 77002	X			Vice Chairman

## Signatures

David S. Elkouri, Attorney-in-fact	08/23/2011
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

## 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) These shares are held in trusts for the reporting person's children, the beneficial ownership of which is disclaimed. This report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of the shares for purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.
  - (2) This derivative security was cancelled pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger in exchange for a cash payment equal to the difference between the exercise price and \$38.75.

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