

SPINNAKER EXPLORATION CO  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
NEWMAN HOWARD H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SPINNAKER EXPLORATION CO  
[SKE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1200 SMITH STREET, SUITE 800  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/13/2005

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

HOUSTON, TX 77002

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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	12/13/2005		U		6,800,585 (1)	D	\$ 65.50 (2)
						I	By Warburg Pincus Ventures, L.P.

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.73	12/13/2005		D	10,000	<sup>(3)</sup> 05/10/2011	Common Stock	10,000
Director Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 40.73	12/13/2005		D	600	<sup>(4)</sup> 05/10/2011	Common Stock	600

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NEWMAN HOWARD H 1200 SMITH STREET SUITE 800 HOUSTON, TX 77002	X			

## Signatures

Howard H. Newman  
12/15/2005  
Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## 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) The stockholder is Warburg Pincus Ventures, L.P. ("WPV"). Warburg Pincus Partners, LLC ("WPP"), a New York limited liability company and a subsidiary of Warburg Pincus & Co. ("WP"), is the sole general partner of WPV. WPV is managed by Warburg Pincus LLC ("WP LLC"). The address of WPV, WPP, WP and WP LLC (collectively, the "Warburg Pincus Entities") is 466 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10017. Mr. Newman is Senior Advisor and Vice Chairman of WP LLC. Mr. Newman may be deemed to have an indirect pecuniary interest (within the meaning of Rule 16a-1 under the Securities Act of 1934, as amended) in an indeterminate portion of the shares beneficially owned by WPV.

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- (2) The shares were disposed of pursuant to the merger agreement between the issuer and Norsk Hydro ASA in exchange for merger consideration of \$65.50 per share.
- (3) Options became 100% vested on May 10, 2005 and were canceled in the merger in exchange for cash payment of \$247,750.00, representing the difference between the exercise price of the option and merger consideration of \$65.50.
- (4) Options were 100% vested on May 10, 2001 and were canceled in the merger in exchange for cash payment of \$14,865.00, representing the difference between the exercise price of the option and merger consideration of \$65.50.

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