

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/
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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 *
TRICE DAVID A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/ [NFX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY. E., #2020

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/22/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President /Chief Executive Off / Chairman of the Board

(Street)
HOUSTON, TX 77060

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | Code | V | Amount | | |
| common stock | 12/22/2005 | | M | | 20,000 | \$ 12.69 | 365,200 D |
| common stock | 12/22/2005 | | S | | 500 | \$ 51.05 | 364,700 D |
| common stock | 12/22/2005 | | S | | 100 | \$ 51.01 | 364,600 D |
| common stock | 12/22/2005 | | S | | 2,500 | \$ 51 | 362,100 D |
| common stock | 12/22/2005 | | S | | 400 | \$ 50.93 | 361,700 D |

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|--------------|------------|---|-------|---|----------|---------|---|--------|
| common stock | 12/22/2005 | S | 500 | D | \$ 50.91 | 361,200 | D | |
| common stock | 12/22/2005 | S | 400 | D | \$ 50.9 | 360,800 | D | |
| common stock | 12/22/2005 | S | 400 | D | \$ 50.86 | 360,400 | D | |
| common stock | 12/22/2005 | S | 500 | D | \$ 50.82 | 359,900 | D | |
| common stock | 12/22/2005 | S | 400 | D | \$ 50.81 | 359,500 | D | |
| common stock | 12/22/2005 | S | 1,000 | D | \$ 50.79 | 358,500 | D | |
| common stock | 12/22/2005 | S | 800 | D | \$ 50.75 | 357,700 | D | |
| common stock | 12/22/2005 | S | 300 | D | \$ 50.74 | 357,400 | D | |
| common stock | 12/22/2005 | S | 100 | D | \$ 50.73 | 357,300 | D | |
| common stock | 12/22/2005 | S | 900 | D | \$ 50.72 | 356,400 | D | |
| common stock | 12/22/2005 | S | 400 | D | \$ 50.71 | 356,000 | D | |
| common stock | 12/22/2005 | S | 900 | D | \$ 50.59 | 355,100 | D | |
| common stock | 12/22/2005 | S | 500 | D | \$ 50.58 | 354,600 | D | |
| common stock | 12/22/2005 | S | 500 | D | \$ 50.57 | 354,100 | D | |
| common stock | 12/22/2005 | S | 400 | D | \$ 50.55 | 353,700 | D | |
| common stock | 12/22/2005 | S | 400 | D | \$ 50.53 | 353,300 | D | |
| common stock | 12/22/2005 | S | 500 | D | \$ 50.52 | 352,800 | D | |
| common stock | 12/22/2005 | S | 7,600 | D | \$ 50.5 | 345,200 | D | |
| common stock | | | | | | 6,720 | 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 |
| Employee stock opt.-right to buy | \$ 12.69 <u>(1)</u> | 12/22/2005 | | M | 20,000 | <u>(1)</u> 05/16/2009 | common stock 20,000 <u>(1)</u> |
| Employee stock opt.-right to buy | \$ 14.91 <u>(2)</u> | | | | | <u>(2)</u> 02/10/2010 | common stock 60,000 <u>(2)</u> |
| Employee stock opt.-right to buy | \$ 19.02 <u>(3)</u> | | | | | <u>(3)</u> 02/09/2002 | common stock 40,000 <u>(3)</u> |
| Employee stock opt.-right to buy | \$ 16.87 <u>(4)</u> | | | | | <u>(4)</u> 02/07/2003 | common stock 40,000 <u>(4)</u> |
| Employee stock opt.-right to buy | \$ 17.84 <u>(5)</u> | | | | | <u>(5)</u> 11/26/2012 | common stock 40,000 <u>(5)</u> |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| TRICE DAVID A 363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY. E., #2020 HOUSTON, TX 77060 | X | | President /Chief Executive Off | Chairman of the Board |

Signatures

_____ C. William Austin as Attorney in Fact
for David A. Trice

12/27/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 50,000 shares from the Issuer's 1998 Stock Plan. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 5/16/2000. This option was previously reported as covering 25,000 shares at an exercise price of \$25.38 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.

(2) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 60,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 02/10/2001. This option was previously reported as covering 30,000 shares at an exercise price of \$29.81 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.

(3) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 40,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 02/09/2002. This option was previously reported as covering 20,000 shares at an exercise price of \$38.03 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.

(4) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 40,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 02/07/2003. This option was previously reported as covering 20,000 shares at an exercise price of \$33.73 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.

(5) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 40,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 11/26/2003. This option was previously reported as covering 20,000 shares at an exercise price of \$35.68 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.

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