FORM 4

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

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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 * | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | | | | | | | 5. F | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | | |
| SCHEIRMAN W RUSSELL II | | | | VAALCO ENERGY INC /DE/ [EGY] | | | | | | | X | (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 4600 POST OAK PLACE, SUITE 309 | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/17/2006 | | | | | | X | X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) President | | | | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | _X_ | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | |
| HOUSTC | ON, TX 770 | 027 | | | | | | | | | | ronn med by M | ore than One Re | porting Person | | |
| (City | y) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | Table I - | Non-Der | ivative | Securities | Acquired | , Disposed o | f, or Benefi | cially Owned | | |
| (Instr. 3) Da | | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Yea | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if r) any (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Transac Code (Instr. 8) | (| . Securities Acquired A) or Disposed of (D Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | (D) Ow Tra | Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | | O Fe | Ownership Form: | Beneficial | |
| | | | Code | | | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
| Common | Common Stock 04/17/ | | | | | M | 2 | 27,500 | I A | \$ 1.16 28 | 28,194 | | D | | | |
| Common Stock 04/17/2006 | | 04/17/2006 | | | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 2 | 27,500 | | \$ 7.44 69 | 694 | | | D | | |
| | coport on a s | eparate line for each | | - Deriv | ative Se | ecuriti | es Acquir | Person this for current | m are tly valid osed of, | not requi d OMB co or Benefi | red to resontrol nur | spond unle nber. | | n contained n displays a | | 1474 (9-02) |
| | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | | | 4. 5. Numl Transaction of Deriv Code Securitie | | | ative Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title a of Under Securities | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | Owners Form of Derivat Security Direct (or Indir (s) | Ownershi (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | Code | V (A |) (| Date Exer | e rcisable | Expir | ation Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4 |) |
| Non- Qualified Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 1.16 | 04/17/2006 | | М | | | 500 12/ | 15/2004 | 12/1 | 5/2006 ⁽² | Comm Stock | on 27.500 | \$ 0 | 501,667 | D | |
| Repor | ting O | wners | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Relationships | | | | | |
|---|---------------|--------------|-----------|-------|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| SCHEIRMAN W RUSSELL II 4600 POST OAK PLACE SUITE 309 HOUSTON, TX 77027 | X | | President | | | |

Signatures

| //W. Russell Scheirman | 04/19/2006 |
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| **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) The sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on $\frac{10}{10/10/2005}$
- (2) Refer to Form 4 dated 02/02/2005 for vesting and expiration schedule

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