

Hardy David Eldon
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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 *
Hardy David Eldon

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
GRAN TIERRA ENERGY, INC.
[GTE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/16/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
VP, Legal, and Secretary

C/O GRAN TIERRA ENERGY INC., 300, 625 - 11TH AVENUE SW

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

CALGARY, A0 T2R 0E1

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/16/2011 | | P | 300 A \$ 4.73 | 44,827 | I | By Spouse |
| Common Stock | 12/16/2011 | | P | 1,500 A \$ 4.74 | 46,327 | I | By Spouse |
| Common Stock | 12/16/2011 | | P | 1,000 A \$ 4.77 | 47,327 | I | By Spouse |
| Common Stock | 12/16/2011 | | P | 3,000 A \$ 4.87 | 50,327 | I | By Spouse |
| | 12/16/2011 | | P | 4,200 A \$ 4.9 | 54,527 | I | By Spouse |

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Common
Stock

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. 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Benef Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
|---|--|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | | | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hardy David Eldon
C/O GRAN TIERRA ENERGY INC.
300, 625 - 11TH AVENUE SW
CALGARY, A0 T2R 0E1

VP, Legal, and Secretary

Signatures

/s/Sonya Messner,
Attorney-In-Fact

12/19/2011

**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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