

# 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 * Lafargue Antoine Jean			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MAGELLAN PETROLEUM CORP /DE/ [MPET]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Chief Financial Officer		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/02/2010			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
7 CUSTOM HOUSE STREET (Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
PORTLAND, ME 04101 (City) (State) (Zip)			<b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>					

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			

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Non-qualified stock option (right to buy) (1)	\$ 1.84	08/02/2010		A		400,000		(2)	08/02/2020	Common Stock	400,000	\$ 0	400,000	D	
Non-qualified stock option (right to buy) (1)	\$ 1.84	08/02/2010		A		400,000		(3)	08/02/2020	Common Stock	400,000	\$ 0	400,000	D	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Lafargue Antoine Jean 7 CUSTOM HOUSE STREET PORTLAND, ME 04101			Chief Financial Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Antoine J. Lafargue, by Edward B. Whittemore, attorney-in-fact  
Signature of Reporting Person

08/03/2010  
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) On August 2, 2010, the reporting person was awarded two non-qualified stock options pursuant to the Company's 1998 Stock Incentive Plan, which options cover an aggregate of 800,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock.

(2) The time-based options awarded on August 2, 2010 cover 400,000 shares of Common Stock, have an exercise price of \$1.84 per share and vest as follows: 133,333 shares vest in full on August 2, 2011, 133,333 shares vest in full on August 2, 2012, and 133,334 shares vest in full on August 2, 2013.

The performance-based options awarded on August 2, 2010 cover 400,000 shares of Common Stock, have an exercise price of \$1.84 per share and vest in full only upon the date of (3) completion of the planned purchase by Magellan Petroleum Australia Limited, the issuer's Australian subsidiary, of an ownership interest in the Evans Shoal field on or before June 30, 2011.

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