

Kraton Performance Polymers, Inc.
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 GMT CAPITAL CORP

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Kraton Performance Polymers, Inc.
 [KRA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 GMT CAPITAL CORP, 2100
 RIVEREDGE PARKWAY SUITE
 840

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/20/2010

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

(Street)
 ATLANTA, GA 30328

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Common Stock | 12/20/2010 | | P | (A) or (D) A | Amount 24,400 (1) (2) (3) Price \$ 30.97 | 3,178,655 (4) | D |

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)

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directly owned by it; GMT Capital = 129,500 shares of common stock beneficially owned by it with respect to separate client accounts managed by it; Claugus = 89,200 shares directly owned by him.

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