

SNELL ROBERT M  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
SNELL ROBERT M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SPINNAKER EXPLORATION CO  
[SKE]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1200 SMITH STREET, SUITE 800  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/13/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP, CFO and Secretary

HOUSTON, TX 77002

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common Stock                    | 12/13/2005                           |  | D                              |   | 2,000   | D  | \$ 65.50<br><u>(1)</u>            |
| Common Stock                    | 12/13/2005                           |  | D                              |   | 1,766   | D  | \$ 65.50<br><u>(1)</u>            |

By 401(k) Plan

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 Number Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 26.88   | 12/13/2005                           |  | D                              | 250,000   | <u>(2)</u>   | 12/07/2010  | Common Stock | 250,000              |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 37.73   | 12/13/2005                           |  | D                              | 20,000  | <u>(3)</u>   | 02/12/2012  | Common Stock | 20,000               |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 22.89   | 12/13/2005                           |  | D                              | 30,000  | <u>(4)</u>   | 05/06/2008  | Common Stock | 30,000               |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 37.08   | 12/13/2005                           |  | D                              | 20,000  | <u>(5)</u>   | 02/13/2009  | Common Stock | 20,000               |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 34.05   | 12/13/2005                           |  | D                              | 10,000  | <u>(6)</u>   | 05/06/2012  | Common Stock | 10,000               |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                       |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer               | Other |
| SNELL ROBERT M<br>1200 SMITH STREET<br>SUITE 800<br>HOUSTON, TX 77002 |               |           | VP, CFO and Secretary |       |

## Signatures

Robert M. Snell

12/15/2005

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
  - \*\* 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 shares were disposed of pursuant to the merger agreement between the issuer and Norsk Hydro ASA in exchange for merger consideration of \$65.50 per share.
  - (2) Options became 100% vested on December 7, 2004 and were canceled in the merger in exchange for a cash payment of \$9,656,250.00, representing the difference between the exercise price of the option and merger consideration of \$65.50.  
Options vested 20% on February 12, 2002, the grant date, and vested in 20% increments on each anniversary of the grant date and were canceled in the merger in exchange for a cash payment of \$555,400.00, representing the difference between the exercise price of the option and merger consideration of \$65.50.
  - (3) Options vested 20% on May 6, 2003, the grant date, and vested in 20% increments on each anniversary of the grant date and were canceled in the merger in exchange for a cash payment of \$1,278,300.00, representing the difference between the exercise price of the option and merger consideration of \$65.50.  
Options vested 20% on February 13, 2004, the grant date, and vested in 20% increments on each anniversary of the grant date and were canceled in the merger in exchange for a cash payment of \$568,400.00, representing the difference between the exercise price of the option and merger consideration of \$65.50.
  - (4) Options vested 20% on May 6, 2005, the grant date, and were canceled in the merger in exchange for a cash payment of \$314,500.00, representing the difference between the exercise price of the option and merger consideration of \$65.50.
  - (5)
  - (6)

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