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Stock

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Common

(Print or Type Responses)

	1. Name and AcALBI JOSEF	ldress of Reporting P PH R	Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CIMAREX ENERGY CO [XEC]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer					
	(Last) 1700 LINCO 1800	(First) (M	(Month/I	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2006					(Check all applicable) Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below)				
		(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				Senior Vice President 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										lly Owned			
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code	4. Securit on(A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	l of	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)			
	Common Stock	01/03/2006		A(1)	30,000	A	\$0	76,959 (2)	D				
	Common							4,985	I	By 401(k)			

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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Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ities	(Instr. 5)	Bene
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						Exercisable	Exercisable Date	of	Number		
				G 1 17	(A) (D)						
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ALBI JOSEPH R 1700 LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 1800 DENVER, CO 80203-4518

Senior Vice President

Signatures

Paul Korus,

attorney-in-fact 01/05/2006

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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).
- (2) Includes 1,459 shares which are restricted and may not be disposed of until December 6, 2010, and 45,500 stock units which may only be settled in shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (1) Represents restricted shares that are subject to three-year cliff vesting and the satisfaction of certain performance criteria.

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