

BASSO DONALD V  
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 \*  
BASSO DONALD V

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
MAGELLAN PETROLEUM CORP /DE/ [MPET]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
4024-40 AVENUE N.W.  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/08/2010

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

CALGARY, ALBERTA, Z4 T3A  
OW9

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

(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)
Common Stock	12/08/2010		A	(A) or (D) V Amount Price 15,000 \$ 0 (1) (2)	62,900 (3)	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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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 Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6)
						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
BASSO DONALD V 4024-40 AVENUE N.W. CALGARY, ALBERTA, Z4 T3A OW9	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Donald V. Basso, by Edward B. Whittemore,  
attorney-in-fact 12/10/2010

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) On December 8, 2010, the date of the Company's annual shareholder meeting, 15,000 shares of the Company's common stock were awarded to the reporting person under Section 9 of the Company's 1998 Stock Incentive Plan ("Plan"), pursuant to the terms of the Company's non-employee director compensation policy ("Policy"). The Policy provides for an annual stock award with a value equal to \$35,000 to be made to each non-employee director on either July 1st or the date of the annual shareholder meeting held during each Company fiscal year, subject to a cap of 15,000 shares (the difference in value between the shares and \$35,000 to be paid in cash). Consistent with the terms of the Policy, the number of shares awarded on December 8, 2010 was limited to the number of shares the reporting person was entitled to receive under the Plan as of July 1, 2010 since, as of that date, there was an insufficient number of shares available under the Plan to make the annual awards to each eligible director.
  - (2) The fair market value of a share of the Company's common stock on July 1, 2010 was \$1.83, calculated in accordance with the terms of the Plan.
  - (3) Amount reported does not include beneficial ownership of the shares subject to stock options held by the reporting person which have previously been reported in Table II.

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