

PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORP
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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 *
 STEARNS ERIC R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORP [PETD]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/07/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Vice President Exploration

C/O PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORP, 120 GENESIS BLVD.

(Street)

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

BRIDGEPORT, WV 26330

(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)	
				(A) or (D)	Amount or Price				
Restricted Common Stock	03/07/2008		A	(1)	8,921	\$ 0	73,828	D	
Restricted Common Stock	03/07/2008		A	(2)	4,384	\$ 0	78,212	D	
Common Stock							4,785.37	I	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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Shares / Rights	<u>(2)</u>	03/07/2008		A	7,189	<u>(3)</u> 12/31/2012	Common Stock	7,189

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

STEARNS ERIC R
C/O PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORP
120 GENESIS BLVD.
BRIDGEPORT, WV 26330

Vice President
Exploration

Signatures

/s/ Eric R.
Stearns 03/11/2008

**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) These shares vest in annual installments of 20% with the first vesting on January 1, 2009.

(2) These shares vest in annual installments of 25% with the first vesting on March 7, 2009.

(3) Performance Shares - vesting contingent on employment and achievement of certain specified minimum thresholds of share price performance as disclosed in a Form 8-K to be filed on or about March 13, 2008 by Petroleum Development Corporation.

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