

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)  
 07/01/2009

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

CALGARY, ALBERTA,  
 CANADA T3A 0W9

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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)
Common Stock	07/01/2009		A	(A) or (D) 15,000 (1)	\$ 0 (2) 135,400	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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BASSO DONALD V 4024-40 AVENUE N.W. CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA T3A 0W9	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Donald V. Basso, by Edward B. Whittemore,  
attorney-in-fact 07/06/2009

\_\_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 July 1, 2009, 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, pursuant to the terms of the Company's Board compensation policy for non-employee directors adopted on May 27, 2009, which permits the Company to make payment of up to 50% of the annual retainer fees payable to non-employee directors in the form of shares of the Company's common stock, subject to an annual cap per director of 15,000 shares.
- (2) The shares were awarded to the reporting person in lieu of cash payment of a portion of the annual directors' retainer fee. The fair market value of a share of the Company's common stock on the grant date, July 1, 2009, was \$1.11, calculated in accordance with the terms of the Company's 1998 Stock Incentive Plan.

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