

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/
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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 *
 Zernell James T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/ [NFX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY E,
 SUITE 2020

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/16/2008

____ Director
 ____ Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 Vice President - Production

(Street)
 HOUSTON, TX 77060

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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
common stock	05/16/2008		M	A	\$ 5,000 19.02		D
common stock	05/16/2008		M	A	\$ 5,000 16.87		D
common stock	05/16/2008		S	D	\$ 64 76,804		D

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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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
employee stock option - right to buy	\$ 19.02	05/16/2008		M	5,000	02/09/2002 02/09/2011	common stock	5,000
employee stock option - right to buy	\$ 16.87	05/16/2008		M	5,000	02/07/2003 02/07/2012	common stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Zernell James T 363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY E, SUITE 2020 HOUSTON, TX 77060			Vice President - Production	

Signatures

James T. Zernell 05/19/2008
 **Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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