

Zernell James T  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Zernell James T		(Month/Day/Year)	NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/ [NFX]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	12/01/2005	
363 N. SAM HOUSTON			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
PKWY.E.,#2020				
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
HOUSTON, TX 77060			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			Vice President - Production	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
common stock	45,035	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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
employee stock opt.-right to buy	Â (1)	02/10/2010	common stock	15,000	\$ 0	D	Â
employee stock opt.-right to buy	Â (2)	02/10/2010	common stock	5,000	\$ 0	D	Â
employee stock opt.-right to buy	Â (3)	02/09/2011	common stock	15,000	\$ 0	D	Â
employee stock opt.-right to buy	Â (4)	02/07/2012	common stock	10,000	\$ 0	D	Â
employee stock opt.-right to buy	Â (5)	08/14/2012	common stock	10,000	\$ 0	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

\_\_\_\_\_ James T.  
Zernell 12/12/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 15,000 shares from the Issuer's 1998 Stock Plan, exercisable at \$14.91 per share. The options vested in five annual installments beginning 2/10/2001.
- (2) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 5,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan, exercisable at \$14.91 per share. The options vested in five annual installments beginning 2/10/2001.
- (3) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 15,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan, exercisable at \$19.02 per share. The options vest(ed) in five annual installments beginning 2/09/2002.
- (4) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 10,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan, exercisable at \$16.87 per share. The options vest(ed) in five annual installments beginning 2/07/2003.
- (5) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 10,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan, exercisable at \$16.25 per share. The options vest(ed) in five annual installments beginning 8/14/2003.

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