

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/
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FORM 4

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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.,#2020
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/14/2006

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

HOUSTON, TX 77060

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
common stock	02/14/2006		A		16,000 (1)	A	\$ 0 59,137 (2) 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. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 14.91 (3)					(3) 02/10/2010	common stock	15,000
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 14.91 (4)					(4) 02/10/2010	common stock	5,000
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 19.02 (5)					(5) 02/09/2011	common stock	15,000
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 16.87 (6)					(6) 02/07/2012	common stock	10,000
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 16.25 (7)					(7) 08/14/2012	common stock	10,000

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			Vice President - Production	

Signatures

James T. Zernell

C. William Austin as Attorney in fact for
Date: 02/16/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) The noted shares are subject to forfeiture if certain performance criteria are not met.
- (2) The total includes 225 shares acquired by the reporting person on 12/31/2006 under the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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.
- (5) 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.
- (6) 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.
- (7) 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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