

SPINNAKER EXPLORATION CO

Form 4

December 15, 2005

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**WARBURG PINCUS VENTURES  
LP**

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
**SPINNAKER EXPLORATION CO  
[SKE]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**466 LEXINGTON AVENUE**  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**12/13/2005**

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

**NEW YORK, NY 10017**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
|                                       |   |   | Code                                 | V   | Amount<br>(1)  | (A)<br>or<br>(D)<br>Price<br>(2)  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 12/13/2005                              |   | U                                    |   | 6,800,585  | D 65.5 0  | 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene<br>Own<br>Follo<br>Repor<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
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|   |  |   |   | Code                                 | V (A) (D)  | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date  | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships                    |
|--|----------------------------------|
|  | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| WARBURG PINCUS VENTURES LP<br>466 LEXINGTON AVENUE<br>NEW YORK, NY 10017 | X                                |

## Signatures

Scott A. Arenare, on behalf of Warburg Pincus  
Ventures, L.P. 12/15/2005

\_\_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) The stockholder is Warburg Pincus Ventures, L.P. ("WPV"). Warburg Pincus Partners, LLC ("WPP"), a New York limited liability company and a subsidiary of Warburg Pincus & Co. ("WP"), is the sole general partner of WPV. WPV is managed by Warburg Pincus LLC ("WP LLC"). The address of WPV, WPP, WP and WP LLC (collectively, the "Warburg Pincus Entities") is 466 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10017.
- (2) The shares were disposed of pursuant to the merger agreement between the issuer and Norsk Hydro ASA in exchange for merger consideration of \$65.50 per share.

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