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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * STEARNS ERIC R			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORP [PETD]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) C/O PETRO DEVELOPM GENESIS B	MENT CORP,	Earliest Transaction ay/Year) 009				Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Executive Vice President					
				endment, Date Original nth/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	r) Execution any		3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit n(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	sposed	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	03/07/2009			F	471 <u>(1)</u>	D	\$ 10.11	91,113	D		
Common Stock								4,785.37	I	401(k) shares	

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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Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
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	Security				Acquired						Follo
					(A) or						Repo
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					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
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						Exercisable	Date	Title	Number		
						Excicisable			of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Officer 10% Owner Other Director

Relationships

Executive

Vice

President

STEARNS ERIC R C/O PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORP 120 GENESIS BLVD. **BRIDGEPORT, WV 26330**

Signatures

/s/ Eric R. 03/09/2009 Stearns

**Signature of Date 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) Represents withholding of shares for tax liability associated with the vesting of time-based restricted stock.

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