

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/  
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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)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
common stock	05/16/2008		M		5,000	A	\$ 19.02
common stock	05/16/2008		M		5,000	A	\$ 16.87
common stock	05/16/2008		S		10,000	D	\$ 64
							76,804

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)

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

## Signatures

James T. Zernell 05/19/2008  
 \*\*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).

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