

STEARNS ERIC R  
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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 \*  
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) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
06/18/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive Vice President

C/O PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, 120 GENESIS BLVD.

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

BRIDGEPORT, WV 26330

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	06/18/2009		F	6,228 (1) \$ 16.79	84,300	D	
Restricted Common Stock	06/18/2009		J	16,375 (2) \$ 0	67,925	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)

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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Shares / Rights	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>	06/18/2009		J	7,179	12/31/2013	12/31/2013	Common Stock	7,179
Performance Shares / Rights	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>	06/18/2009		J	7,189	12/31/2012	12/31/2012	Common Stock	7,189
Performance Shares / Rights	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>	06/18/2009		J	6,895	12/31/2011	12/31/2011	Common Stock	4,375
Options	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>	06/18/2009		J	4,375	<sup>(3)</sup>	03/16/2016	Common Stock	4,375
Options	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>	06/18/2009		J	3,670	<sup>(4)</sup>	12/13/2014	Common Stock	3,670

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STEARNS ERIC R C/O PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION 120 GENESIS BLVD. BRIDGEPORT, WV 26330			Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/ Eric R.  
Stearns

06/22/2009

\_\_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) Represents withholding of shares for tax liability associated with vesting of 14,500 common shares, pursuant to a separation agreement dated 5/19/2009.
  - (2) Represents shares forfeited pursuant to a separation agreement dated 5/19/2009.
  - (3) 1,093 exercisable on 3/16/2007; 1,094 on 3/16/2008; 1,094 on 3/16/2009 and 1,094 on 6/18/2009.
  - (4) 25% on each of the 12/13/2005; 2006; 2007 and 2008.

### Remarks:

Retired from the Company as of June 18, 2009.

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