NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/

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SECURITIES

may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * TRICE DAVID A			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) 363 N. SAM I #2020	(First)	(Middle) PKWY. E.,	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/22/2005	X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give titleX Other (specify below) below) President /Chief Executive Off / Chairman of the Board		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
HOUSTON, T	TX 77060		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative :	Securi	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securition(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed 4 and 5 (A) or	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)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
common stock	12/22/2005		Code V M	Amount 20,000	(D)	Price \$ 12.69	365,200	D	
common stock	12/22/2005		S	500	D	\$ 51.05	364,700	D	
common stock	12/22/2005		S	100	D	\$ 51.01	364,600	D	
common stock	12/22/2005		S	2,500	D	\$ 51	362,100	D	
common stock	12/22/2005		S	400	D	\$ 50.93	361,700	D	

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common stock	12/22/2005	S	500	D	\$ 50.91	361,200	D
common stock	12/22/2005	S	400	D	\$ 50.9	360,800	D
common stock	12/22/2005	S	400	D	\$ 50.86	360,400	D
common stock	12/22/2005	S	500	D	\$ 50.82	359,900	D
common stock	12/22/2005	S	400	D	\$ 50.81	359,500	D
common stock	12/22/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 50.79	358,500	D
common stock	12/22/2005	S	800	D	\$ 50.75	357,700	D
common stock	12/22/2005	S	300	D	\$ 50.74	357,400	D
common stock	12/22/2005	S	100	D	\$ 50.73	357,300	D
common stock	12/22/2005	S	900	D	\$ 50.72	356,400	D
common stock	12/22/2005	S	400	D	\$ 50.71	356,000	D
common stock	12/22/2005	S	900	D	\$ 50.59	355,100	D
common stock	12/22/2005	S	500	D	\$ 50.58	354,600	D
common stock	12/22/2005	S	500	D	\$ 50.57	354,100	D
common stock	12/22/2005	S	400	D	\$ 50.55	353,700	D
common stock	12/22/2005	S	400	D	\$ 50.53	353,300	D
common stock	12/22/2005	S	500	D	\$ 50.52	352,800	D
common stock	12/22/2005	S	7,600	D	\$ 50.5	345,200	D
common stock						6,720	I

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	orDerivative Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee stock opt right to buy	\$ 12.69 (1)	12/22/2005		M		20,000	<u>(1)</u>	05/16/2009	common stock	20,000
Employee stock opt right to buy	\$ 14.91 (2)						<u>(2)</u>	02/10/2010	common stock	60,000
Employee stock opt right to buy	\$ 19.02 (3)						(3)	02/09/2002	common stock	40,000
Employee stock opt right to buy	\$ 16.87 (4)						<u>(4)</u>	02/07/2003	common stock	40,000 (4)
Employee stock opt right to buy	\$ 17.84 (5)						<u>(5)</u>	11/26/2012	common stock	40,000 (5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
reporting owner runner runners	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
TRICE DAVID A 363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY. E., #2020 HOUSTON, TX 77060	X		President /Chief Executive Off	Chairman of the Board				

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Signatures

	C. William Austin as Attorney in Fact
for David A. Trice	·

12/27/2005

**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).
- Part of a grant to the reporting person of 50,000 shares from the Issuer's 1998 Stock Plan. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual (1) installments beginning 5/16/2000. This option was previously reported as covering 25,000 shares at an exercise price of \$25.38 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.
- Part of a grant to the reporting person of 60,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual (2) installments beginning 02/10/2001. This option was previously reported as covering 30,000 shares at an exercise price of \$29.81 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.
- Part of a grant to the reporting person of 40,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 02/09/2002. This option was previously reported as covering 20,000 shares at an exercise price of \$38.03 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.
- Part of a grant to the reporting person of 40,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual (4) installments beginning 02/07/2003. This option was previously reported as covering 20,000 shares at an exercise price of \$33.73 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.
- Part of a grant to the reporting person of 40,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual (5) installments beginning 11/26/2003. This option was previously reported as covering 20,000 shares at an exercise price of \$35.68 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.

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