

BASSO DONALD V  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
BASSO DONALD V

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
MAGELLAN PETROLEUM CORP /DE/ [MPET]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
4024-40 AVENUE N.W.  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
07/01/2011

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

CALGARY, ALBERTA, Z4 T3A  
OW9

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
COMMON STOCK <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u>	07/01/2011		A	V Amount 15,000 <u>(3)</u>	(A) or (D) Price \$ 0 <u>(4)</u>	77,900 <u>(5)</u>	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 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BASSO DONALD V 4024-40 AVENUE N.W. CALGARY, ALBERTA, Z4 T3A OW9	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Donald V. Basso, by Edward B. Whittemore,  
attorney-in-fact 07/06/2011

\_\_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) Prior to July 1, 2011, the Company's non-employee director compensation policy ("Policy") provided for an annual stock award under Section 9 of the Company's 1998 Stock Incentive Plan ("Plan") with a value equal to \$35,000 to be made to each non-employee director on either July 1, 2011 or the date of the annual shareholder meeting held during each Company fiscal year, subject to a cap of 15,000 shares (the difference in value between the shares and \$35,000 to be in cash) ("Stock Award").
- (2) On July 1, 2011, the Company's Board of Directors ("Board"), upon recommendation of the Compensation, Nominating and Governance Committee ("Committee"), amended the Policy to provide for either a Stock Award or a \$35,000 cash award to exercise previously issued Company stock options under the Plan ("Cash Award"). To the extent that a Cash Award is elected by a director, the director must exercise options which are at least equal to the value of shares that would have been received had the director elected to receive a Stock Award (rounded up to the nearest whole option). Any difference between this amount and \$35,000 is paid in cash.
- (3) On July 1, 2011, the Board, upon recommendation of the Committee, approved the granting of either a Stock Award or a Cash Award to each of the eligible non-employee directors. Mr. Basso elected to receive a Stock Award.
- (4) The fair market value of a share of the Company's common stock on July 1, 2011, was \$1.68, calculated in accordance with the Plan.
- (5) Amount reported does not include beneficial ownership of the shares subject to stock options held by the reporting person which have been previously reported in Table II.

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