

Gastar Exploration USA, Inc.
Form 4
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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 *
Selser John Michael SR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Gastar Exploration USA, Inc.
[GSTPRAPRB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

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

1331 LAMAR ST., SUITE 650

01/30/2014

(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

HOUSTON, TX 77010

(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) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Bonus Stock Award (restricted share grant) | 01/30/2014 | | A | 17,241 (1) | \$ 5.8 | 208,450 (2) | D (2) |
| Restricted Shares | 01/30/2014 | | F(3) | 7,500 | \$ 5.8 | 200,950 (2) | D (2) |
| 8.625% Series A Cumulative Preferred Securities | | | | | | 16,032 | D |

10.75%
 Series B
 Cumulative 4,500 D
 Preferred
 Securities

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Selser John Michael SR 1331 LAMAR ST. SUITE 650 HOUSTON, TX 77010 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Michael A. Gerlich, as Attorney
 in Fact 02/03/2014

**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) The bonus stock award vests in three equal annual installments beginning on 01/30/2015.

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In December 2010, the reporting person gifted 6,600 restricted shares to his minor children in trust for which the reporting person acts as the trustee as follows: John M. Selser, Jr. Trust - 3,300 shares; Eugenie Gardner Selser Trust - 3,300 shares. The reporting person

- (2) disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these shares in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of all of the reported shares for the purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- (3) Shares forfeited to meet tax obligation of restricted share vesting.

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