

EQUUS TOTAL RETURN, INC.  
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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 \*  
des Pallieres Bertrand

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
EQUUS TOTAL RETURN, INC.  
[EQS]

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)

EQUUS TOTAL RETURN, INC., 8  
GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 930

07/31/2013

(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 77046

(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	07/31/2013		P		859,803	A		\$ 2.4	2,880,167 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
									<u>(2)</u>		
Common Stock	07/31/2013		P		145,833	A		\$ 2.4	3,026,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By SPQR Capital Holdings S.A. <sup>(3)</sup>
									<u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u>		

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 Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
des Pallieres Bertrand EQUUS TOTAL RETURN, INC. 8 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 930 HOUSTON, TX 77046	X	X		

## Signatures

/s/ Fraser Atkinson,  
Attorney-in-Fact  
Date: 08/02/2013

\*\*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) Includes 60,369 shares held directly by the Reporting Person and 970,087 shares held directly by Mobiquity Investments Limited ("Mobiquity"). Mobiquity, a Washington investment holding company, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Versatile Systems Inc., a Canadian corporation ("Versatile"). The Reporting Person is a director and minority stockholder of Versatile. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership in the shares except to the extent, if any, of his pecuniary interest therein.
  - (2) Includes 986,842 shares held by Lansdowne Capital S.A., a Luxembourg company that is indirectly wholly owned by the Reporting Person.
  - (3) Includes 145,833 shares held directly by SPQR Capital Holdings S.A., a Luxembourg company ("SPQR"). The Reporting Person is a director and minority stockholder of SPQR. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership in the shares except to the extent, if any, of his pecuniary interest therein.

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