

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)  
04/01/2010

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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Amount		Price

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount Underlying Security
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-qualified Stock option (right to buy)	\$ 2.24	04/01/2010	A		25,000 (1)		(2)	04/01/2020	Common Stock	25,000

## 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 12/16/2010

\_\_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).  
On April 1, 2010, the reporting person was awarded 25,000 non-qualified stock options pursuant to the Company's 1998 Stock Incentive Plan. The stock options have an exercise price of \$2.24 per share and will expire on April 1, 2020. The award of the stock options was  
(1) expressly conditioned upon the receipt of shareholder approval of the replenishment and amendment of the Company's 1998 Stock Incentive Plan, which shareholder approval was obtained on December 8, 2010. The award of the stock options was previously reported by the reporting person on a Form 4 filed on April 5, 2010.  
(2) The awarded stock options vest as follows: (1) one-third of the award (8,333 shares) will vest on April 1, 2011, (2) one-third of the award (8,333 shares) will vest on April 1, 2012, and (3) one-third of the award (8,334 shares) will vest on April 1, 2013.

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