

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/  
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 \*  
RICKMERS BRIAN L

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) (First) (Middle)  
363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY. E., #2020  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/18/2005

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

HOUSTON, TX 77060

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|----------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V Amount Price |   |  |                                   |
| common stock                    | 02/18/2005                           |  | M                              | 700   | A \$ 31.5      | 6,248   | D  |                                   |
| common stock                    | 02/18/2005                           |  | M                              | 1,200   | A \$ 29.81     | 7,448   | D  |                                   |
| common stock                    | 02/18/2005                           |  | M                              | 400   | A \$ 29.81     | 7,848   | D  |                                   |
| common stock                    | 02/18/2005                           |  | M                              | 2,400   | A \$ 38.03     | 10,248  | D  |                                   |
| common stock                    | 02/18/2005                           |  | M                              | 500   | A \$ 33.05     | 10,748  | D  |                                   |

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|              |            |   |       |   |            |        |   |      |
|--------------|------------|---|-------|---|------------|--------|---|------|
| common stock | 02/18/2005 | M | 800   | A | \$ 32.5    | 11,548 | D |      |
| common stock | 02/18/2005 | S | 6,000 | D | \$ 72.2563 | 5,548  | D |      |
| common stock |            |   |       |   |            | 135.9  | I | 401K |

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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Employee stock option - right to buy       | \$ 31.5  | 02/18/2005                           |  | M                              | 700   | <u>(1)</u> 09/01/2009                                    | common stock  | 700                           |
| Employee stock option - right to buy       | \$ 29.81   | 02/18/2005                           |  | M                              | 1,200   | <u>(2)</u> 02/10/2010                                    | common stock  | 1,200                         |
| Employee stock option - right to buy       | \$ 29.81   | 02/18/2005                           |  | M                              | 400   | <u>(3)</u> 02/10/2010                                    | common stock  | 400                           |
| Employee stock opt.-right to buy           | \$ 38.03   | 02/18/2005                           |  | M                              | 2,400   | <u>(4)</u> 02/09/2011                                    | common stock  | 2,400                         |

|                                  |          |            |   |     |            |            |              |       |
|----------------------------------|----------|------------|---|-----|------------|------------|--------------|-------|
| Employee stock opt.-right to buy | \$ 33.05 | 02/18/2005 | M | 500 | <u>(5)</u> | 05/03/2011 | common stock | 500   |
| Employee stock opt.-right to buy | \$ 33.73 |            |   |     | <u>(6)</u> | 02/07/2012 | common stock | 1,800 |
| Employee stock opt.-right to buy | \$ 32.5  | 02/18/2005 | M | 800 | <u>(7)</u> | 08/14/2012 | common stock | 800   |
| Employee stock opt.-right to buy | \$ 33.2  |            |   |     | <u>(8)</u> | 02/12/2013 | common stock | 2,400 |
| Employee stock opt.-right to buy | \$ 48.98 |            |   |     | <u>(9)</u> | 02/12/2014 | common stock | 5,000 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |            |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer    | Other |
| RICKMERS BRIAN L<br>363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY. E., #2020<br>HOUSTON, TX 77060 |               |           | Controller |       |

## Signatures

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rickmers

Brian L.

02/23/2005

\*\*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).
- (1) Part of a grant of 3,500 shares to the reporting person under the Issuer's 1998 Stock Plan. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 9/1/2000.
- (2) Part of a grant of 6,000 shares to the reporting person under the Issuer's 1998 Stock Plan. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 2/10/2001.
- (3) Part of a grant of 2,000 shares to the reporting person under the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 2/10/2001.
- (4) Part of a grant of 4,000 shares to the reporting person under the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 2/09/2002.

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- (5) Part of a grant of 2,500 shares to the reporting person under the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 5/03/2002.
- (6) Part of a grant of 3,000 shares to the reporting person under the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 2/07/2003.
- (7) Part of a grant of 2,000 shares to the reporting person under the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 8/14/2003.
- (8) Part of a grant of 3,000 shares to the reporting person under the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 2/12/2004.
- (9) Part of a grant of 5,000 shares to the reporting person under the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vest in five equal annual installments beginning 2/11/2005.

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