

**FORM 3****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE  
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SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Mannon David C	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 12/20/2004	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PARKER DRILLING CO /DE/ [PKD]	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1401 ENCLAVE PARKWAY, SUITE 600		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ____ Director _____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street) HOUSTON, TX 77077		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Operating Off and Sr V P	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City) (State) (Zip)	<b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned</b>		

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Mannon David C 1401 ENCLAVE PARKWAY SUITE 600 HOUSTON, TX 77077			Chief Operating Off and Sr V P	

**Signatures**

David C. Mannon		01/06/2005
<small>*Signature of Reporting Person</small>		<small>Date</small>

**Explanation of Responses:**

**No securities are beneficially owned**

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

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