FORM 4

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Reporting Owners

Mannon David C

HOUSTON, TX 77046

Reporting Owner Name / Address

5 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 100

Director

10% Owner

(Print or Type Responses)

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person – Mannon David C					PARKER DRILLING CO /DE/ [PKD]								(Check all applicable) Director Director					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 5 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 100					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/30/2012								Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Former CEO and President					
(Street)					4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)					
HOUSTON, TX 77046											_X_F	X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City) (State) (Zip)				Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqui									red, 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)		Code (Instr.	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) Code V		4. Securities Acqu (A) or Disposed or (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D)		Owned Followi Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		ecurities Beneficially ng Reported		Ownership Form: Direct (D)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
401K Common Stock												18,3	30.33 (1)				401(k) Plan	
Common Stock			04/30/2012				М		28,13 (2)	88 A	\$ 5.225	606,409				D		
Common Stock			04/30/2012				М		92,80 (3)	66 A	\$ 5.17	699,275				D		
Common Stock			04/30/2012				М		55,5 (<u>4)</u>	11 A	\$ 5.17	754,786		-	D			
Common Stock			04/30/2012				F		7,450	6 D	\$ 5.225	747,	747,330		-	D		
Common Stock			04/30/2012				F		24,50	63 D	\$ 5.17	722,767		-	D			
Common Stock 04/			04/30/2012				F		14,68	83 D	\$ 5.17	708,084			-	D		
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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction	3A. Deemed	(<i>e.g.</i> , put				options, of 6. Date E		rtible secur		tle and	l Amount	8 Price of	9. Number o	of 10.	11. Nature	
Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion		Execution Date, if	Transaction De Code Sec (Instr. 8) Ac or I of (In		Deriva Securi Acqui	ative ities red (A) sposed 3, 4,	Expiration	Expiration Date of U (Month/Day/Year) Secu			nderlying urities r. 3 and 4)		Derivative Security	Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(: (Instr. 4)	Ownersh Form of Derivati Security Direct (I or Indire s) (I)	hip of Indirect Beneficial ve Ownership (Instr. 4) D)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisal		Expiration Date	Title		Amount or Number of Shares		(11501.4)	(Instr. 4)		
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	04/30/2012		М		2	28,188	04/30/2	012	04/30/201	71	nmon ock	28,188	\$ 5.225	280,546	D		
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	04/30/2012		M		ğ	92,866	04/30/2	012	04/30/201	/	nmon ock	92,866	\$ 5.17	187,680	D		
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	04/30/2012		M		4.5	55,511	04/30/2	012	04/30/201	71	nmon ock	55,511	\$ 5.17	132,169	D		
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	04/30/2012		J		1	32,169 (<u>5</u>)	04/30/2	012	04/30/201	2 Com	nmon ock	132,169	\$ 5.17	0	D		

Relationships

Officer Other

Former CEO and President

Signatures

David C. Mannon	05/02/2012
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) Shares of PDK common stock in 401(k) as of April 30, 2012
- (2) Partial Vesting of March 1, 2010 Grant pursuant to Separation Agreement and Release between Parker Drilling Company and David C. Mannon dated March 5, 2012.
- (3) Partial Vesting of July 23, 2010 Grant pursuant to Separation Agreement and Release between Parker Drilling Company and David C. Mannon dated March 5, 2012.
- (4) Partial Vesting of March 11, 2011 Grant pursuant to Separation Agreement and Release between Parker Drilling Company and David C. Mannon dated March 5, 2012.
- (5) Forfeiture as a result of resignation.

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