## FORM 4

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BRASSFIELD W KIRK |   |  |   | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol PARKER DRILLING CO /DE/ [PKD] |      |          |                         |  |           |   | 5. Re                                   | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  |   |   |                                       |                         |
|---|---|--|---|--|------|----------|-------------------------|--|-----------|---|---|--|---|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 5 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 100 (Middle)                        |   |  |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/11/2011                      |      |          |                         |  |           |   | X                                       | X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  Sr V P & CFO   |   |   |                                       |                         |
| (Street) HOUSTON, TX 77046                                  |   |  |   | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                             |      |          |                         |  |           |   | _X_ F                                   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person _Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |   |                                       |                         |
| (City) (State) (Zip)  |   |  | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqui |  |      |          |                         |  | Acquired, | ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned                      |   |  |   |   |                                       |                         |
| 1.Title of Se<br>(Instr. 3)                                 | ecurity   |  | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year | ) any  | on I | Date, if | Code<br>(Instr          | :. 8)  | (A) or    | Disposed of 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or (D)                           | (D) Own<br>Trans                        |  | ecurities Ber<br>ng Reported  | . (<br>F<br>I<br>C  | Ownership Corm:                       | Beneficial<br>Ownership |
|   |   |  |   |  |      |          |                         | displantation display  | ays a o   | n are not re-<br>currently va-<br>of, or Benefitible securiti | alid OMB                                | control n  |   | Tom   |                                       |                         |
| Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                        | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if          | 4.<br>Transac<br>Code  | tion | 5. Num   | ber<br>ive<br>ies<br>ed | ts, options, convertible securitie  6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |           | 7. Title at<br>Amount of<br>Underlyin<br>Securities           | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying |  | 9. Number o<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction((Instr. 4) | Ownershi<br>Form of<br>Derivativ<br>Security:<br>Direct (D<br>or Indirect | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |                         |
|   |   |  |   | Code   | V    | (A)      | (D)                     | Date<br>Exercisabl   |           | Expiration<br>Date  | Title                                   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares   |   |   |                                       |                         |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units                                | \$ 0  | 03/11/2011(1)                              |   | A  |      | 43,639   | )                       | 03/11/20   | 14(2)     | 03/11/2014  | Commo<br>Stock                          | n 43,639   | \$ 0  | 121,045   | D                                     |                         |

#### **Reporting Owners**

| Bonostino Oceano Norma / Address                                      | Relationships |           |              |       |  |  |  |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------|-------|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer      | Other |  |  |  |
| BRASSFIELD W KIRK<br>5 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 100<br>HOUSTON, TX 77046 |               |           | Sr V P & CFO |       |  |  |  |

### **Signatures**

| W Kirk Brassfield             | 03/15/2011 |
|-------------------------------|------------|
|                               |            |
| 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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of PKD common stock.
- (2) The currently reported 43,639 restricted stock units vest 100% on March 11, 2014. Of the remaining balance of derivative securities reported in Column 9 (77,406), 30,948 vest in two annual installments of 50% on each of March 1, 2012 and March 1, 2013, respectively, and 46,458 vest 100% on July 23, 2013.

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