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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Fontana Peter Thomas | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PARKER DRILLING CO /DE/ [PKD] | | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner | | | | | | |
| 5 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 100 (Middle) | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/01/2016 | | | | | | | | _ | | e title below) | | ner (specify be | elow) | | |
| (Street) HOUSTON, TX 77046 | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | 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 Acquin | | | | | | | | Acquire | lired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | |
| (Instr. 3) | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | , | (Instr. 8) | | (/ | 4. Securities Acqui (A) or Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | of (D) O | wned Follov ransaction(s) | saction(s) | | | of I Ber | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial | | |
| | | | | (Month/Day/Y | | y ear) | Coc | de | V A | Amount (A) or (D) Pric | | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4) | | vnership str. 4) | |
| Common Stock 0 | | | 09/01/2016 | | | | M | I | 8, | ,902 | A | \$ 2.15 8, | ,902 | | | D | | | |
| Common Stock 09/01/2016 | | | 09/01/2016 | | | F | | 2, | ,967 | | \$ 2.15 5, | 5,935 | | | D | | | | |
| Kemmder. K | Report on a si | eparate line for each | Table II - I | | , | | | P co fc | ersons ontain orm dis | s who ed in splays | this for | m are no ently val | lid OMB co | to respon | d unless t | | C 147 | 4 (9-02) | |
| 1 Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction | | e.g., puts, | | s, wa | rrants, | optic | ons, coi | nvertik | ole secur | | | & Price of | 9. Number | of 10. | | 11. Nature | |
| Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | Conversion | | Execution Date, it | f Transaction Code | | | | 6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y | | Date | ate Year) | | and t of ring es and 4) | | Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4) | Owner Form of Derivation Securi Direct or Indi | rship of tive ty: (D) rect | of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exerc | cisable | Expi | iration | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | | |
| Restricted Stock Units | (1) | 09/01/2016 | | М | | | 8,902 | 09/0 | 1/201 | 6 09/0 | 01/2016 | Commo | 1 2 902 | \$ 0 (1) | 39,370 | D | | | |

Reporting Owners

| Pomouting Owney Name / Adduses | Relationships | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| Fontana Peter Thomas 5 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77046 | X | | | | | | | |

Signatures



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.

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