## FORM 4

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

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| (Print or Typ  | e Responses      | )   |   |  |          |  |                  |                   |   |  |   |   |   |   |                         |           |
|--|------------------|---|---|--|----------|--|------------------|-------------------|---|--|---|---|---|---|-------------------------|-----------|
| Name and Address of Reporting Person * Sumruld Michael W |                  |   |   | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol PARKER DRILLING CO /DE/ [PKD] |          |  |                  |                   |   |  | 5   | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director |   |   |                         |           |
| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br>5 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 100   |                  |   |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/12/2018                      |          |  |                  |                   |   |  |   |   |   |   |                         |           |
| (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 Acqu                    |  |          |  |                  |                   | Acquire   | ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned                                   |   |   |   |   |                         |           |
| 1.Title of Security<br>(Instr. 3)                        |                  | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |  | Date, if | (Instr. 8)   |                  | (A) o             | curities Acqu<br>r Disposed of<br>: 3, 4 and 5) | Owned Follo<br>Transaction(<br>(Instr. 3 and                               |   |   |   | Ownership of Form:  | Beneficial<br>Ownership |           |
|  |                  |   |   |  |          |  | Cod              | le V              | Amo   | unt (D)  | Price   |   |   |   | (Instr. 4)              |           |
| 1. Title of Derivative                                   | 2.<br>Conversion | 3. Transaction                            | Table II -  3A. Deemed Execution Date, if                   | ( <i>e.g.</i> , pu   | ts, ca   | 5. Numl  | rants,<br>per of | in this<br>displa | osed<br>onvei                                   | n are not re<br>currently v<br>of, or Benef<br>rtible securit<br>sable and | quired<br>alid ON<br>icially C  | and Amount  | unless the<br>umber.  |   | of 10.                  | 11. Natur |
| Security<br>(Instr. 3)                                   |                  | (Month/Day/Year)                          |   | Code<br>(Instr. 8)   |          | Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) |                  | (Month/Day/Year)  |   | Securiti   |   | Security<br>(Instr. 5)  | Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction | Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (s) (I) | Beneficial              |           |
|  |                  |   |   |  |          |  |                  | Date<br>Exercisal |   | Expiration<br>Date   | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number  |   | (Instr. 4)  | (Instr. 4)              |           |
|  |                  |   |   | Code   | V        | (A)  | (D)              |                   |   |  |   | of Shares   |   |   |                         |           |
| Phantom<br>Stock<br>Units                                | (1)              | 03/12/2018                                |   | Code   | V        | (A)<br>173,43  |                  | 03/12/2           | 019   | 03/20/2021   | Comm  | non 173 438   | \$ 0 (1)  | 173,438   | D                       |           |

| Describes Occurs Name / Address                                       | Relationships |           |                |       |  |  |  |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer        | Other |  |  |  |
| Sumruld Michael W<br>5 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 100<br>HOUSTON, TX 77046 |               |           | Sr. VP and CFO |       |  |  |  |

## **Signatures**

| Michael W. Sumruld              | 03/14/2018 |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| **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 phantom stock unit represents a contingent right to receive a cash amount equivalent to one share of PKD common stock.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of PKD common stock.

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