

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/

Form 4

May 17, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
RICKMERS BRIAN L

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO
/DE/ [NFX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY. E.,
#2020

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)

05/03/2006

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Controller

(Street)
HOUSTON, TX 77060

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, 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)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D)	Price		
common stock	05/03/2006		F		106	D \$ 47.05	20,884	D
common stock							271.8	I
								401K

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Pri Deriv Secur (Instr.		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 19.02 (6)							(6)	02/09/2011	common stock	3,200 (6)
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 16.53 (1)							(1)	05/03/2011	common stock	2,000 (1)
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 16.87 (5)							(5)	02/07/2012	common stock	3,600 (5)
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 16.25 (3)							(3)	08/14/2012	common stock	2,400 (3)
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 16.6 (4)							(4)	02/12/2013	common stock	4,800 (4)
Employee stock opt.-right to buy	\$ 24.49 (2)							(2)	02/12/2014	common stock	10,000 (2)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Controller

RICKMERS BRIAN L
363 N. SAM HOUSTON PKWY. E., #2020
HOUSTON, TX 77060

Signatures

_____ Brian L.	05/17/2006
Rickmers	
**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) Part of a grant of 2,500 shares to the reporting person under the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vest(ed) in five equal annual installments beginning 5/03/2002. Part of a grant to the reporting person of 5,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vested in five annual installments beginning 5/3/02. This option was previously reported as covering 2,500 shares at an exercise price of \$33.05 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.
- (2) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 10,000 shares from the Issuer's 2004 Stock Plan. The options vested in five annual installments beginning 2/11/2005. This option was previously reported as covering 5,000 shares at an exercise price of \$48.98 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.
- (3) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 4,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vested in five annual installments beginning 8/14/03. This option was previously reported as covering 2,000 shares at an exercise price of \$32.50 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.
- (4) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 6,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vested in five annual installments beginning 2/12/2004. This option was previously reported as covering 3,000 shares at an exercise price of \$33.20 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.
- (5) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 6,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vested in five annual installments beginning. This option was previously reported as covering 3,000 shares at an exercise price of \$33.73 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.
- (6) Part of a grant to the reporting person of 8,000 shares from the Issuer's 2000 Stock Plan. The options vested in five annual installments beginning 2/09/2002. This option was previously reported as covering 4,000 shares at an exercise price of \$38.03 per share, but was adjusted to reflect the stock split on May 25, 2005.

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