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#### **GASTAR EXPLORATION LTD**

Form 4 May 16, 2008

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading PENNER ROBERT DAVID Issuer Symbol GASTAR EXPLORATION LTD (Check all applicable) [GST] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Last) (First) (Middle) X\_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 1331 LAMAR ST., SUITE 1080 05/16/2008 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting HOUSTON, TX 77010 Person (Zip) (City) (State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 5. Amount of 7. Nature of 1.Title of 3. 4. Securities Acquired 6. Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial any (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (D) or Ownership Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price **Bonus** Stock Award 100,000 05/16/2008 100,000 D 05/16/2008 Α (restricted shares grant)

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transacti	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration D		7. Title Amount		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of	(Month/Day/Year)		Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N	Amount or Number of Shares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address								
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
PENNER ROBERT DAVID								
1331 LAMAR ST.	$\mathbf{v}$							

SUITE 1080 HOUSTON, TX 77010

## **Signatures**

Michael A. Gerlich, as Attorney in Fact 05/16/2008

\*\*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).

Relationships

(1) The bonus stock award vest in three equal annual installments beginning 05/16/2010.

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