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February 03, 2012

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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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] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction \_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner \_ Other (specify Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) 1331 LAMAR ST., SUITE 650 01/30/2012 (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

HOUSTON, TX 77010

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-De	erivative So	ecurit	ies Acqı	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securiti on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	posed	of (D)	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)
Bonus Stock Award (restricted share grant)	01/30/2012		A	25,338 (1)	A	\$ 2.96	96,949	D	

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)		4. Transacti	5. onNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration D		7. Title Amount		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month Day/Tear)	(Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of	(Month/Day/Year) ve es d		Underly Securitie	erlying	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N	Number		

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PENNER ROBERT DAVID 1331 LAMAR ST. SUITE 650 HOUSTON, TX 77010

### **Signatures**

/s/ Michael A. Gerlich, as Attorney in Fact

02/03/2012

\*\*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) The bonus stock award vests in three equal annual installments beginning on 01/30/2013.

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