

KRATZ OWEN E
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
KRATZ OWEN E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
HELIX ENERGY SOLUTIONS GROUP INC [HLX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

400 N SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY E, SUITE 400

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/12/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
PRESIDENT & CEO

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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(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 (A) 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Share Unit	(1)	01/12/2012	A		94,936 (2)		(1)	(3)	Common Stock	94,936 (2)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KRATZ OWEN E 400 N SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY E SUITE 400 HOUSTON, TX 77060	X		PRESIDENT & CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Margaret C. Fitzgerald by Power of Attorney
Date: 01/17/2012

__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).
Each Performance Share Unit ("PSU") represents the contingent right to receive one share of Helix Energy Solutions Group, Inc. ("Company") common stock. Actual number of shares upon vesting may range from 0% to 200% dependent on the Company's relative shareholder return as compared to its peer group over a three-year period beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2014. The Compensation Committee has the option to pay the value in cash at its discretion.
- (1) Compensation Committee has the option to pay the value in cash at its discretion.
- (2) Amount reported is 200% of the number of PSUs granted and the maximum number that may be earned.
- (3) Upon payment of the PSUs which shall occur no later than March 15, 2015.

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