

KRATZ OWEN E
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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 [HELX]

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)
05/03/2006

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

HOUSTON, TX 77060

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/03/2006		P	15,000 A \$ 40.081	4,995,147 (1)	D	
Common Stock	05/04/2006		M	15,832 A \$ 9.32	5,010,979 (1)	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 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Option to Buy)	\$ 9.32	05/04/2006		M	15,832	03/17/2004 03/17/2013	Common Stock	15,832

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		CHAIRMAN & CEO	

Signatures

/s/ James Lewis Connor, III by Power of Attorney
Date: 05/05/2006

__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) Mr. Kratz also has indirect holdings of 1,000,000 shares owned by Joss Investments Limited Partnership, the general partner of which is an entity that Mr. Kratz controls.
- (2) This option was granted pursuant to the Company's 1995 Long Term Incentive Plan, as amended, and therefore has no purchase or sales price.

Remarks:

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