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1. Name and A WEST J RO	ddress of Reporting P BINSON	Symbol	er Name and Ticker or Trading ELLAN PETROLEUM COR MPET]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)									
(Last) 7 CUSTOM	(First) (M	(Month/I	of Earliest Transaction Day/Year) 2010	X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)									
PORTLANI	(Street) O, ME 04101		endment, Date Original onth/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting 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)	Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Pri	Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)									
Common stock	12/08/2010		A $\frac{15,000}{(1)}$ A $\frac{\$ (0)}{(2)}$	140,000 (3) 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)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WEST J ROBINSON
7 CUSTOM HOUSE STREET X
PORTLAND, ME 04101

Signatures

/s/ J. Robinson West, by Edward B. Whittemore, attorney-in-fact

12/10/2010

**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).

On December 8, 2010, the date of the Company's annual shareholder meeting, 15,000 shares of the Company's common stock were awarded to the reporting person under Section 9 of the Company's 1998 Stock Incentive Plan ("Plan"), pursuant to the terms of the Company's non-employee director compensation policy ("Policy"). The Policy provides for an annual stock award with a value equal to

- (1) \$35,000 to be made to each non-employee director on either July 1st or the date of the annual shareholder meeting held during each Company fiscal year, subject to a cap of 15,000 shares (the difference in value between the shares and \$35,000 to be paid in cash). Consistent with the terms of the Policy, the number of shares awarded on December 8, 2010 was limited to the number of shares the reporting person was entitled to receive under the Plan as of July 1, 2010 since, as of that date, there was an insufficient number of shares available under the Plan to make the annual awards to each eligible director.
- (2) The fair market value of a share of the Company's common stock on July 1, 2010 was \$1.83, calculated in accordance with the terms of the Plan.
- (3) Amount reported does not include beneficial ownership of the shares subject to stock options held by the reporting person which have previously been reported in Table II.

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