

PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORP  
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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 \*  
 STEARNS ERIC R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORP [PETD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORP, 120 GENESIS BLVD.

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/07/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Vice President Exploration

(Street)  
 BRIDGEPORT, WV 26330

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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)	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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Restricted Common Stock	03/07/2008		A	8,921 (1) A \$ 0	73,828	D	
Restricted Common Stock	03/07/2008		A	4,384 (2) A \$ 0	78,212	D	
Common Stock					4,785.37	I	401(k) Plan

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
Performance Shares / Rights	<u>(2)</u>	03/07/2008		A	7,189	<u>(3)</u> 12/31/2012	Common Stock	7,189

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director      10% Owner      Officer      Other

STEARNS ERIC R  
C/O PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORP  
120 GENESIS BLVD.  
BRIDGEPORT, WV 26330

Vice President  
Exploration

## Signatures

/s/ Eric R.  
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\*\*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) These shares vest in annual installments of 20% with the first vesting on January 1, 2009.

(2) These shares vest in annual installments of 25% with the first vesting on March 7, 2009.

(3) Performance Shares - vesting contingent on employment and achievement of certain specified minimum thresholds of share price performance as disclosed in a Form 8-K to be filed on or about March 13, 2008 by Petroleum Development Corporation.

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