GRAN TIERRA ENERGY INC.

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Royal Ronald

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Symbol

GRAN TIERRA ENERGY INC.

(Check all applicable)

[GTE]

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2017

C/O GRAN TIERRA ENERGY INC., 900, 520 3 AVENUE SW

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Instr. 8)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

Issuer

below)

CALGARY, A0 T2P 0R3

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership

Following Reported

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

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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(Instr. 4)

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative

5. Number of

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
Deferred Stock Units	(1)	01/01/2017		A	10,362	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	10,362
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.02	01/01/2017		A	2,356	01/01/2017	01/01/2022	Common Stock	2,356

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Royal Ronald C/O GRAN TIERRA ENERGY INC. 900, 520 3 AVENUE SW CALGARY, A0 T2P 0R3	X					

Signatures

/s/ Diane Phillips,
Attorney-In Fact
01/03/2017

**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) Deferred stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) Each deferred stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Gran Tierra Energy Inc. common stock. The deferred stock units vest in full at such time as the reporting person ceases to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Issuer.

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