KRATZ OWEN E Form 4 March 25, 2008

FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading KRATZ OWEN E Symbol

(Middle)

(Zip)

(First)

(State)

HELIX ENERGY SOLUTIONS

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

GROUP INC [HLX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

(Month/Day/Year) 03/24/2008

Other (specify X_ Officer (give title below) PRESIDENT & CEO

400 N SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY E, SUITE 400

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

HOUSTON, TX 77060

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of 6. 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Direct (D) (Instr. 8) Owned Ownership or Indirect **Following** (Instr. 4) Reported (I) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V (D) Price Amount Common 431.871 C D 03/24/2008 $3,332,216 \stackrel{(2)}{=} D$ (1) Stock 29.18

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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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D | | | 7. Title and Amou Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|--|---|---|---|---|---------------------|-----------------|---|------------------|
| | Security | | | Code V | (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Am Nui Sha |
| Futures Contract (obligation to sell) | \$ 25.2 | 03/24/2008 | | C | 500,000 | 03/24/2008 | 03/24/2008(1) | Common Stock | 50 |

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ A. Wade Pursell, by power of attorney 03/25/2008

**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 February 24, 2005, the reporting person entered into a three-year Forward Sale Agreement with an unaffiliated third party. The agreement obligated the reporting person to deliver up to 1,000,000 shares of Helix Common Stock in two installments of up to 500,000 on March 10, 2008 and up to 500,000 on March 24, 2008. The number of shares to be delivered by the reporting person was to be based on the closing price of Helix Common Stock on each of the applicable settlement dates. As a result of this agreement and based on a maturity-date price equal to \$29.18, the reporting person is required to deliver 431,871 shares of Helix Common Stock on March 24,2008.
- (2) 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.

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