MCCANN WALTER

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

(Street)

MCCANN WALTER

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

MAGELLAN PETROLEUM CORP

/DE/ [MPET]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X Director Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year)

920 DAMASCUS CHURCH ROAD 04/01/2010

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

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

(Instr. 4)

Person

CHAPEL HILL, NC 27516

(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)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially

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

(Instr. 4)

Owned

Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

(A) or

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

5. Number of 4. TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amoun Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		Acquired (or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	d of				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Non-qualified Stock option (right to buy)	\$ 2.24	04/01/2010		A		75,000 (1)		(2)	04/01/2020	Common Stock	75,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MCCANN WALTER

920 DAMASCUS CHURCH ROAD X CHAPEL HILL, NC 27516

Signatures

/s/ Walter McCann by Edward B. Whittemore, attorney-in-fact

12/16/2010

**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 April 1, 2010, the reporting person was awarded 75,000 non-qualified stock options pursuant to the Company's 1998 Stock Incentive Plan. The stock options have an exercise price of \$2.24 per share and will expire on April 1, 2020. The award of the stock options was
- (1) expressly conditioned upon the receipt of shareholder approval of the replenishment and amendment of the Company's 1998 Stock Incentive Plan, which shareholder approval was obtained on December 8, 2010. The award of the stock options was previously reported by the reporting person on a Form 4 filed on April 5, 2010.
- The awarded stock options vest as follows: (1) one-third of the award (25,000 shares) will vest on April 1, 2011, (2) one-third of the award (25,000 shares) will vest on April 1, 2013.

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