

HELIX ENERGY SOLUTIONS GROUP INC
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
KRATZ OWEN E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
HELIX ENERGY SOLUTIONS GROUP INC [HLX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 400 N SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY E, SUITE 400
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/10/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
PRESIDENT & CEO

HOUSTON, TX 77060

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/10/2008		C	V 422,398 (1)	(D) \$ 32.48 3,654,087 (2)	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2008		P	2,000	A \$ 32.39 3,656,087	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2008		P	1,000	A \$ 32.36 3,657,087	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2008		P	1,000	A \$ 32.4 3,658,087	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2008		P	1,000	A \$ 32.38 3,659,087	D	

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Common Stock	03/10/2008	P	1,000	A	\$ 32.47	3,660,087	D
Common Stock	03/10/2008	P	1,000	A	\$ 32.5	3,661,087	D
Common Stock	03/10/2008	P	1,000	A	\$ 32.49	3,662,087	D
Common Stock	03/10/2008	P	1,000	A	\$ 32.46	3,663,087	D
Common Stock	03/10/2008	P	1,000	A	\$ 32.57	3,664,087	D
Common Stock	03/10/2008	P	1,000	A	\$ 32.6	3,665,087	D
Common Stock	03/10/2008	P	1,000	A	\$ 32.65	3,666,087	D
Common Stock	03/10/2008	P	1,000	A	\$ 32.63	3,667,087	D
Common Stock	03/10/2008	P	2,000	A	\$ 32.64	3,669,087	D
Common Stock	03/10/2008	P	1,000	A	\$ 32.82	3,670,087	D
Common Stock	03/10/2008	P	1,000	A	\$ 32.8	3,671,087	D
Common Stock	03/10/2008	P	2,000	A	\$ 32.85	3,673,087	D
Common Stock	03/10/2008	P	1,000	A	\$ 32.86	3,674,087	D
Common Stock	03/10/2008	P	2,000	A	\$ 32.89	3,676,087	D
Common Stock	03/10/2008	P	1,000	A	\$ 32.88	3,677,087	D
Common Stock	03/10/2008	P	2,000	A	\$ 32.87	3,679,087	D
Common Stock	03/10/2008	P	1,000	A	\$ 32.9	3,680,087	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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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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Futures Contract (obligation to sell)	\$ 25.2	03/10/2008		C	500,000 ⁽¹⁾	03/10/2008 03/10/2008	Common Stock	500,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	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
Date: 03/12/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

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 Maximum Monetization and Asset Protection Agreement with an unaffiliated third party. The agreement obligated the reporting person to deliver up to 1,000,000 shares of Helix Common Stock (or an equivalent amount of cash) 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 \$32.48, the reporting person is required to deliver 422,398 shares of Helix Common Stock on March 10, 2008.
- 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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