

Hardy Samuel Jr.
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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 *
Hardy Samuel Jr.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SUPERIOR ENERGY SERVICES INC [SPN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
601 POYDRAS STREET, SUITE 2400
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/08/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Executive Vice President

NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/08/2011 | | A ⁽¹⁾ | 5,264 A \$ 0 | 20,452 ⁽²⁾ | 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 or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Options (right to buy) | \$ 28.59 | 12/08/2011 | | A | 11,156 | 12/31/2012 ⁽³⁾ 12/08/2021 | Common Stock | 11,156 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Hardy Samuel Jr. 601 POYDRAS STREET, SUITE 2400 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130 | | | Executive Vice President | |

Signatures

/s/ William B. Masters on behalf of Samuel Hardy, Jr. 12/12/2011

**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) Represents a grant of restricted stock from the company.
 - (2) Includes 298 shares of common stock purchased through the company's employee stock purchase plan as of November 30, 2011.
 - (3) The stock options are exercisable in 1/3 annual increments beginning the date indicated and ending on the second anniversary thereof.
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