

Duplantier Jon-AI
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FORM 4

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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 *
Duplantier Jon-AI

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
PARKER DRILLING CO /DE/ [PKD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
5 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 100

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/18/2010

____ Director
____ Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
VP and General Counsel

HOUSTON, TX 77046

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
401K Common Stock					2,905 ⁽¹⁾	I	401K
Common Stock	10/18/2010		A		\$ 41,666	A	\$ 4.81 87,258
Common Stock	10/18/2010		F		\$ 11,021	D	\$ 4.81 76,237

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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 (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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	10/18/2010		A	125,000	<u>(2)</u>	10/18/2012	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	10/18/2010		D	41,666	10/18/2010	10/18/2010	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Duplantier Jon-AI 5 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77046			VP and General Counsel	

Signatures

Jon-AI
Duplantier 10/19/2010

__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).
- (1) Shares of PKD common stock in 401(k) as of October 18, 2010.
 - (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of PKD common stock. The restricted stock units vest in three, equal annual installments beginning October 18, 2010.

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