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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

HUNT WALTER H

SOLITARIO EXPLORATION & ROYALTY CORP. [XPL]

(Check all applicable)

COO

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title

(Month/Day/Year) 05/05/2010

Other (specify below)

4251 KIPLING STREET, SUITE

(Street)

390

Security

(Instr. 3)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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(I)

(Instr. 4)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

WHEAT RIDGE, CO 80033

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially

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

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

(Month/Day/Year)

Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

> Following Reported

Owned

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactiorDerivative **Expiration Date** Conversion

7. Title and Am

Underlying Sec

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Security (Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	nstr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and		(ear)	(Instr. 3 and	3 and 4)	
				Code V	5) (A) (Γ	D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	A N Sl	
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 2.35	05/05/2010	05/05/2010	A	275,000	05/05/2010	05/05/2015	Common	¹ 2	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Othe			
HUNT WALTER H							
4251 KIPLING STREET			COO				
SUITE 390			COO				
WHEAT RIDGE CO 80033							

Signatures

/s/ Walter H.
Hunt

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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