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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement GRAN TIERRA ENERGY, INC. [GTE] À Monges Reyes Carlos Arturo (Month/Day/Year) 02/22/2012 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O GRAN TIERRA ENERGY (Check all applicable) INC., 300,625 11TH AVENUE S.W. 10% Owner Director (Street) _X__ Officer Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) Pres., Gran Tierra Energy Peru _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person CALGARY. A0Â T2R 0E1 _ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock 1,489 D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

 Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
			Derivative	Security:	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Rt to	05/12/2012(1)	05/12/2021	Common	100,000	\$ 7.4	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
·F · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Monges Reyes Carlos Arturo C/O GRAN TIERRA ENERGY INC. 300,625 11TH AVENUE S.W. CALGARY, A0 T2R 0E1	Â	Â	Pres., Gran Tierra Energy Peru	Â	

Signatures

/s/Sonya Messner, Attorney-In-Fact 03/01/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) 1/3rd of the option shares shall vest on 5/12/12, an additional 1/3rd of the option shares shall vest on 5/12/13 and the balance of the option shares shall vest on 5/12/14.

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