

HELMERICH HANS  
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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 \*  
HELMERICH HANS

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CIMAREX ENERGY CO [XEC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O CIMAREX ENERGY  
CO., 1700 LINCOLN STREET,  
SUITE 1800

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/16/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

(Street)  
DENVER, CO 80203

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 (A) or (D) Price   |  |   |   |                                    |
| Common Stock                    | 12/16/2010                           |  | S                              |   | 1,000<br>(1)  | D  | \$ 87.681 2,157                                       | I | By daughter Hailey                 |
| Common Stock                    | 12/16/2010                           |  | S                              |   | 5,000<br>(2)  | D  | \$ 87.74 36,830                                       | I | Trustee, 1993 Hans Helmerich Trust |
| Common Stock                    | 12/16/2010                           |  | S                              |   | 1,000<br>(3)  | D  | \$ 87.726 3,140                                       | I | By Daughter Sunday                 |

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|              |            |  |     |       |   |           |        |   |                                    |
|--------------|------------|--|-----|-------|---|-----------|--------|---|------------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 12/17/2010 |  | S   | 1,000 | D | \$ 88.271 | 4,545  | I | By Son Maxim                       |
| Common Stock | 12/17/2010 |  | G V | 1,000 | D | \$ 0      | 35,830 | I | Trustee, 1993 Hans Helmerich Trust |

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 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code V (A) (D)                 |   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares                 |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |

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C/O CIMAREX ENERGY CO.  
1700 LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 1800  
DENVER, CO 80203

## Signatures

Thomas A. Richardson                      12/20/2010

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

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(1) The price reported in Column 4 for December 16, 2010 sales is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in two transactions at \$87.69 and \$87.68. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Cimarex Energy Co., any security holder of Cimarex Energy Co. or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(2) The price reported in Column 4 for December 16, 2010 sales is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$87.72 to \$87.79, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Cimarex Energy Co., any security holder of Cimarex Energy Co. or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

(3) The price reported in Column 4 for December 16, 2010 sales is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$87.71 to \$87.745, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Cimarex Energy Co., any security holder of Cimarex Energy Co. or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

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