

PETROHAWK ENERGY CORP  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Cusack Charles E III		(Month/Day/Year)	PETROHAWK ENERGY CORP [HK]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	05/05/2008	
1000 LOUISIANA, SUITE 5600			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
HOUSTON,Â TXÂ 77002			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			Vice President - Exploration	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	77,364	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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 Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (right to buy)	01/12/2007 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/12/2016	Common Stock	40,000	\$ 14.07	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	08/11/2007 <sup>(2)</sup>	08/11/2016	Common Stock	16,900	\$ 10.23	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	01/26/2005	01/26/2015	Common Stock	25,000	\$ 8.51	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Rights	03/02/2008 <sup>(3)</sup>	03/02/2017	Common Stock	16,000	\$ 11.64	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	07/12/2005	07/12/2014	Common Stock	25,000	\$ 7.5	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	02/28/2009 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/28/2018	Common Stock	11,800	\$ 18.08	D	Â
Warrant (right to buy)	05/25/2004	05/25/2009	Common Stock	32,196	\$ 3.3	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Cusack Charles E III 1000 LOUISIANA, SUITE 5600 HOUSTON, TX 77002	Â	Â	Â Vice President - Exploration	Â

## Signatures

Travis L. Counts, Attorney  
in Fact 05/14/2008

\*\*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) The stock options vest annually with 13,333 having vested January 12, 2007, 13,333 having vested January 12, 2008 and 13,334 vesting January 12, 2009.
- (2) The stock options vest annually with 5,633 having vested August 11, 2007, 5,633 vesting August 11, 2008 and 5,634 vesting August 11, 2009.
- (3) The stock appreciation rights vest annually with 5,333 having vested March 2, 2008, 5,333 vesting March 2, 2009 and 5,334 vesting March 2, 2010.
- (4) The stock options vest annually with 3,933 vesting February 28, 2009, 3,933 vesting February 28, 2010 and 3,934 vesting February 28, 2011.

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