

GASTAR EXPLORATION LTD
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PENNER ROBERT DAVID

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
GASTAR EXPLORATION LTD [GST]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1331 LAMAR ST., SUITE 1080

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77010

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/16/2008

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	
Bonus Stock Award (restricted shares grant)	05/16/2008	05/16/2008	A		100,000 (1)	A	\$ 1.91 100,000	D

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

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