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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Duplantier Jon-Al			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol PARKER DRILLING CO /DE/ [PKD]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) 5 GREENWA	(First) Y PLAZA,	(Middle) SUITE 100	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/18/2011	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) VP and General Counsel		
	(Street)		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		
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(City)	(State) (Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
401K Common Stock			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4) 4,968.7956 (1)	I	401K
Common Stock	10/18/2011		A	41,667	A	\$0	113,496	D	
Common Stock	10/18/2011		F	11,021	D	\$ 5.39	102,475	D	

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	iorDerivative Securities		Derivative Expiration Date Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units (2)	\$ 0	10/18/2011		D		41,667	10/18/2011	10/18/2011	Common Stock	41,667

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Duplantier Jon-Al			VP and					
5 GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 100			General					
HOUSTON, TX 77046			Counsel					

Signatures

Jon-Al
Duplantier

**Signature of Reporting Person

10/20/2011

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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) Shares of PKD common stock in 401(k) as of October 18, 2011.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of PKD common stock.

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