

Rinberg Richard
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FORM 4

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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 *
Rinberg Richard

(Last) (First) (Middle)

55 AHAD HA'AM

(Street)

RA'ANANA, L3 43210

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ZION OIL & GAS INC [ZN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/12/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Chief Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 | 01/12/2012 | | M | 10,000 | A \$ 0.01 (1) | 470,000 (2) | I By ESOP Trust Company FBO R. Rinberg |
| Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 | | | | | | 51,833 | D |
| Common Stock, Par Value | | | | | | 10,000 | I By Spouse |

\$0.01

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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Common Stock Option | \$ 0.01 | 01/12/2012 | | M | 10,000 | <u>(3)</u> 12/31/2017 | Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 | 10,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Rinberg Richard 55 AHAD HA'AM RA'ANANA, L3 43210 | X | | Chief Executive Officer | |

Signatures

Brittany Russell AIF for Richard Rinberg
01/17/2012

Signature of Reporting Person

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) These shares were acquired upon the exercise of stock options issued under Zion Oil & Gas, Inc.'s 2005 Stock Option plan, at a per share price of \$0.01.
- (2) Comprised of (i) 360,000 shares of common stock and (ii) vested options for an additional 110,000 shares of common stock.

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(3) These options were granted and vested over a period of twelve months from January 2011 to December 2011.

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