

Pacific Ethanol, Inc.
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Candlewood Special Situations Master Fund, Ltd.			(Month/Day/Year)	Pacific Ethanol, Inc. [PEIX]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
555 THEODORE FREMD AVE., SUITE C-303				(Check all applicable)	
(Street)				<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
RYE, NY 10580				<input type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		(give title below)	(specify below)
					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
					<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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	4,597,786	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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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	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
Non-Voting Common Stock	Â (1)	Â (1)	Common Stock	1,796,071	\$ (1)	D Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Candlewood Special Situations Master Fund, Ltd. 555 THEODORE FREMD AVE., SUITE C-303 RYE, NY 10580	Â	Â X	Â	Â

Signatures

/s/ David Koenig, its Portfolio Manager
01/14/2016
**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 Non-Voting Common Stock are convertible on a one-for-one basis into Common Stock. However, the holder cannot convert the securities if it and any of its affiliates would, after such conversion, beneficially own greater than 9.99% of the Common Stock. The beneficial ownership of the Common Stock by the holder and its affiliates currently exceeds 9.99%, and accordingly, it cannot currently convert any of the Non-Voting Common Stock. The right to convert Non-Voting Common Stock into Common Stock does not expire.
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