

PETROHAWK ENERGY CORP  
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July 20, 2011

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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## SCHEDULE 14D-9

SOLICITATION/RECOMMENDATION STATEMENT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 14(D)(4) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

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### PETROHAWK ENERGY CORPORATION

(Name of Subject Company)

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### PETROHAWK ENERGY CORPORATION

(Names of Person Filing Statement)

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**Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share**

(Title of Class of Securities)

**716495106**

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

**David S. Elkouri**  
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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive  
Notice and Communications on Behalf of the Person Filing Statement)

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The information set forth under Items 1.01, 5.02, 8.01 and 9.01 of the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Petrohawk Energy Corporation on July 20, 2011 (including all exhibits attached thereto) are incorporated herein by reference.