

PETROHAWK ENERGY CORP

Form 4

August 26, 2011

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BHP BILLITON LTD**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**180 LONSDALE  
STREET, MELBOURNE**

(Street)

**VICTORIA 3000, C3**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
**PETROHAWK ENERGY CORP  
[HK]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**08/25/2011**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_X\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock, par value 0.001 per share <sup>(1)</sup>	08/25/2011		P		43,738,426 <sup>(3)</sup>	A	\$ 38.75
					100 <sup>(4)</sup>	I	

See  
Footnote  
<sup>(2)</sup>

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Benef Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
BHP BILLITON LTD 180 LONSDALE STREET MELBOURNE VICTORIA 3000, C3	X
BHP Billiton Petroleum International Pty. Ltd. BHP BILLITON CENTRE 180 LONSDALE STREET MELBOURNE VICTORIA 3000, C3	X
BHP Billiton Petroleum Holdings LLC 1360 POST OAK BOULEVARD SUITE 150 HOUSTON, TX 77056	X
BHP Billiton Petroleum Holdings (USA) Inc. 1360 POST OAK BOULEVARD SUITE 150 HOUSTON, TX 77056	X
BHP Billiton Petroleum (North America) Inc. 1360 POST OAK BOULEVARD SUITE 150 HOUSTON, TX 77056	X
North America Holdings II Inc. 1360 POST OAK BOULEVARD SUITE 150 HOUSTON, TX 77056	X

## Signatures

/s/ David Williamson, Head of Group Legal & Chief Compliance Officer, BHP Billiton Limited	08/26/2011
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ David Powell, Director, BHP Billiton Petroleum International Pty. Ltd.	08/26/2011
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ David Powell, Vice President, BHP Billiton Petroleum Holdings LLC	08/26/2011
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ David Powell, Vice President, BHP Billiton Petroleum Holdings (USA) Inc.	08/26/2011
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ David Powell, Vice President, BHP Billiton Petroleum (North America) Inc.	08/26/2011
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ David Powell, Vice President, North America Holdings II Inc.	08/26/2011
__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) This form is a joint filing by BHP Billiton Limited, BHP Billiton Petroleum International Pty. Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of BHP Billiton Limited ("PTY"), BHP Billiton Petroleum Holdings LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of PTY ("LLC"), BHP Billiton Petroleum Holdings (USA) Inc., a subsidiary jointly owned by PTY and LLC ("USA"), BHP Billiton Petroleum (North America) Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of USA ("Parent") and North America Holdings II Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Parent ("Merger Sub").

(2) Shares were held by Merger Sub. As Merger Sub is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of each of BHP Billiton Limited, PTY, LLC and USA and a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Parent, each of BHP Billiton Limited, PTY, LLC, USA and Parent may be deemed to have acquired indirect beneficial ownership of the Shares.

(3) Reflects all of the outstanding shares of Petrohawk Energy Corporation ("Petrohawk") not acquired through the tender offer effected pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of July 14, 2011, entered into by and among BHP Billiton, Parent, Merger Sub and Petrohawk (the "Merger Agreement"), which may be deemed to have been acquired by BHP Billiton, PTY, LLC, USA and Parent pursuant to the consummation of the Merger (as defined below).

(4) On August 25, 2011, Merger Sub was merged with and into Petrohawk, with Petrohawk being the surviving corporation as a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Parent pursuant to a "short-form merger" under Delaware law (the "Merger"). At the effective time of the Merger, all of Petrohawk's previously outstanding stock held by the Reporting Persons were canceled. Prior to the Merger, Parent directly held, and therefore BHP Billiton Limited, PTY, LLC and USA may be deemed to have indirectly held, 100 shares of Purchaser, which represented all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of Purchaser. At the effective time of the Merger, each share of Purchaser was converted into a share of the surviving company's common stock.

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