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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 \*  
O'Leary Shane P.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
GRAN TIERRA ENERGY, INC.  
[GTE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/13/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
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C/O GRAN TIERRA ENERGY  
INC., 300, 625 - 11TH AVENUE  
S.W.

(Street)

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

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

CALGARY, A0 T2R 0E1

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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	12/13/2011		X	60,000 A \$ 2.37	60,000	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2011		S	30,000 D \$ 4.9	30,000	D	
Common Stock	12/14/2011		S	30,000 D \$ 4.7521 (1)	0	D	
Common Stock					9,300	I	By Shane and

Christine  
O'Leary

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)
Stock Option (Rt to Buy)	\$ 2.37	12/13/2011		X	60,000	03/04/2010 <sup>(2)</sup> 03/04/2019	Common Stock 60,000

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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C/O GRAN TIERRA ENERGY INC.  
300, 625 - 11TH AVENUE S.W.  
CALGARY, A0 T2R 0E1

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## Signatures

/s/ Sonya Messner,  
Attorney-In-Fact

12/14/2011

\*\*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) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$4.75 to \$4.76, inclusive. The undersigned hereby undertakes to provide the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer or the staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the

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ranges set forth herein.

- (2) Stock option shall vest and become exercisable in 3 equal consecutive annual installments commencing on the first, second and third anniversary of the vesting commencement date.

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