

Monges Reyes Carlos Arturo  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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|   |   |                                      |  |  |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *               |   | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol                |  |
| Â Monges Reyes Carlos Arturo                            |   | (Month/Day/Year)                     | GRAN TIERRA ENERGY, INC. [GTE]                             |  |
| (Last)  | (First)                                     | (Middle)                             | 02/22/2012   |  |
| C/O GRAN TIERRA ENERGY INC., Â 300,625 11TH AVENUE S.W. |   |                                      | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer           | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| (Street)  | (Check all applicable)                      |                                      |  |  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Director           | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |  |
|   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Other       | _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person                     |  |
|   | (give title below) (specify below)          |                                      | ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person           |  |
|   | Pres., Gran Tierra Energy Peru              |                                      |  |  |
| CALGARY, Â A0 Â T2R 0E1                                 |   |                                      |  |  |
| (City)  | (State)                                     | (Zip)                                |  |  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock                       | 1,489  | D   | Â  |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
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|                          | Date Exercisable          | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |   |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Stock Option (Rt to Buy) | 05/12/2012 <sup>(1)</sup> | 05/12/2021      | Common Stock | 100,000                    | \$ 7.4   | D                                     | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                                  |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                          | Other |
| Monges Reyes Carlos Arturo<br>C/O GRAN TIERRA ENERGY INC.<br>300,625 11TH AVENUE S.W.<br>CALGARY, Â A0Â T2R 0E1 | Â             | Â         | Â Pres., Gran Tierra Energy Peru | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/Sonya Messner,  
Attorney-In-Fact

03/01/2012

\_\_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) 1/3rd of the option shares shall vest on 5/12/12, an additional 1/3rd of the option shares shall vest on 5/12/13 and the balance of the option shares shall vest on 5/12/14.

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