

Orunesu Rafael  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Orunesu Rafael

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Pres., GTE Argentina

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O GRAN TIERRA ENERGY INC., 300, 625 11TH AVENUE S.W.

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/17/2010

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	09/17/2010		M		80,000 A \$ 0.8	1,849,683	D
Common Stock	09/17/2010		S		79,700 D \$ 6.63	1,769,983	D
Common Stock	09/17/2010		S		200 D \$ 6.65	1,769,783	D
Common Stock	09/17/2010		S		100 D \$ 6.66	1,769,683	D

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Rt to Buy)	\$ 0.8	09/17/2010		M	80,000	11/10/2006 <sup>(1)</sup> 11/10/2015	Common Stock	80,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Orunesu Rafael C/O GRAN TIERRA ENERGY INC. 300, 625 11TH AVENUE S.W. CALGARY, A0 T2R 0E1	Director 10% Owner Officer Other  Pres., GTE Argentina

## Signatures

/s/Sonya Messner,  
Attorney-In-Fact  
Date: 09/20/2010

\*\*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 Option Shares shall vest and become exercisable in three equal consecutive annual installments commencing on November 10, 2006.  
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