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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 *
 Benkel Michael R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 PIER 1 IMPORTS INC/DE [PIR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O PIER 1 IMPORTS, INC., 100
 PIER 1 PLACE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/18/2013

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Exec VP-Planning & Allocations

(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

FORT WORTH, TX 76102

(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)
common stock	01/18/2013		M	10,000 A	\$ 4.24 92,908.5116	D	
common stock	01/18/2013		S	10,000 D	\$ 21.9801 82,908.5116	D	

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.24	01/18/2013		M	10,000	<u>(1)</u> 09/15/2018	common stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Benkel Michael R C/O PIER 1 IMPORTS, INC. 100 PIER 1 PLACE FORT WORTH, TX 76102			Exec VP-Planning & Allocations	

Signatures

/s/ Michael R. Benkel By: Michael A. Carter, 01/18/2013
Atty-in-Fact

**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, representing a right to purchase a total of 30,000 shares, became exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on September 15, 2009, which was the first anniversary of the date on which the option was granted.
- (2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$21.9550 to \$22.0050, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Pier 1 Imports, Inc., any security holder of Pier 1 Imports, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth herein.

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