

Sparks Scott Andrew
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FORM 4

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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 *
Sparks Scott Andrew

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
HELIX ENERGY SOLUTIONS GROUP INC [HLX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
3505 W SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY N. STE. 400
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/02/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP and COO

HOUSTON, TX 77043

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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 | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 01/02/2018 | | A | | 71,286 | A | \$ 0 (1) |
| Common Stock | 01/02/2018 | | F | | 627 (2) | D | \$ 7.54 |
| Common Stock | 01/03/2018 | | F | | 6,298 (2) | D | \$ 7.64 |

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 | Amount of Number of Shares |
| Performance Share Units | (3) | 01/02/2018 | | A | 142,572 (4) | (3) | (5) | Common Stock | 142,572 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Sparks Scott Andrew 3505 W SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY N. STE. 400 HOUSTON, TX 77043 | | | EVP and COO | |

Signatures

/s/ Alisa B. Johnson by power of attorney
Date: 01/04/2018

**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 restricted stock award was granted pursuant to the Company's 2005 Long Term Incentive Plan (as Amended and Restated effective January 1, 2017) and therefore has no purchase or sales price.
- (2) These shares were forfeited to satisfy tax obligations related to the vesting of the reporting person's restricted stock award.
- (3) Each Performance Share Unit ("PSU") represents the contingent right to receive one share of Company common stock. Actual number of shares upon vesting may range from 0% to 200% dependent on the Company's relative shareholder return as compared to its peer group over a three-year period beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2020.
- (4) Amount reported is 200% of the number of PSUs granted and the maximum number that may be earned.
- (5) Upon payment of the PSUs, which shall occur no later than March 15, 2021.

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