

# 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* <b>SOUKI CHARIF</b>		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>CHENIERE ENERGY INC [LNG]</b>		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>Chairman, President &amp; CEO</b>	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>01/15/2004</b>		
333 CLAY STREET, SUITE 3400					
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
HOUSTON, TX 77002			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing Check Applicable Line <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(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	01/15/2004		S		20,000	D	\$ 15	54,850 (1)	I	Wife
Common stock	01/16/2004		M		209,167	A	\$ 1.67	264,017 (1)	D	
Common stock	01/20/2004		S		19,000	D	\$ 15.20	245,017 (2)	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)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock options	\$ 2.75	01/16/2004		M		12,500	07/12/2000	07/12/2005	Common stock	12,500	\$ 0	0	D	
Stock options	\$ 1.938	01/16/2004		M		100,000	11/15/2003	11/15/2005	Common stock	100,000	\$ 0	0	D	
Stock options	\$ 1.06	01/16/2004		M		80,000	11/09/2003	11/09/2006	Common stock	80,000	\$ 0	40,000	D	
Stock options	\$ 1.25	01/16/2004		M		16,667	12/19/2003	12/19/2007	Common stock	16,667	\$ 0	33,333	D	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SOUKI CHARIF 333 CLAY STREET SUITE 3400 HOUSTON, TX 77002	X		Chairman, President & CEO	

## Signatures

Charif Souki	01/20/2004
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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) Mr. Souki's indirect holdings include 54,750 shares held by his wife.
- (2) Mr. Souki's indirect holdings include 35,750 shares held by his wife.

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