

# FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <b>Chairman &amp; CEO</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	
(Last) (First) (Middle) <b>717 TEXAS AVENUE, SUITE 3100</b>		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>01/03/2006</b>			
(Street) <b>HOUSTON, TX 77002</b>		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		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)		<b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>			

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	01/03/2006		A		23,866	A	\$ 0 (1)	954,986	D	
Common Stock	01/03/2005		M		33,333	A	\$ 0.625	988,319	D	
Common Stock	01/05/2005		S		33,133	D	\$ 38.20	955,186	D	
Common Stock	01/05/2006		S		200	D	\$ 38.22	954,986	D	
Common Stock								149,500	I	By Wife
Common Stock								1,600,000	I	By Trust (2)
Common Stock								120,000	I	By Children (3)

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	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 0.625	01/03/2006		M		33,333		12/19/2005	12/19/2007	Common Stock 33,333	\$ 0	0	D	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

SOUKI CHARIF 717 TEXAS AVENUE SUITE 3100 HOUSTON, TX 77002	X		Chairman & CEO	
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## Signatures

Don A. Turkleson under POA by Charif Souki		01/05/2006
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>		<small>Date</small>

## 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 shares were issued as a restricted stock grant and therefore no consideration was given by the Reporting Person. The stock grant vests in three equal installments on January 3, 2007, 2008 and 2009.
- (2) These shares are owned of record by a trust of which the Reporting Person is the sole beneficiary and over which the Reporting Person has investment control.
- (3) These shares are held by the Reporting Person's three children who share the same household or are economically dependent on the Reporting Person.

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