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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Abiteboul Jean | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CHENIERE ENERGY INC [LNG] | | | | | | | 5 | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner | | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 700 MILAM ST., SUITE 800 | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/01/2008 | | | | | | | | X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Sr. VP - International | | | | | | |
| (Street) | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | |
| HOUST | ON, TX 70 | 0002 | | | | | | | | | | _ | Form III | ed by More than | One Reporting | Person | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqui | | | | | | | equir | ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | Exec | | | f Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acqui (A) or Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | d of (| f (D) Beneficia Reported | | nt of Securities ally Owned Following I Transaction(s) | | Ownership Form: | | Beneficial |
| | | | (Month/Day/Year) | | | Code | V | Amou | (A) or | r Pri | | Instr. 3 and 4) | | | Direct or Indi (I) (Instr. | rect (I | wnership nstr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | | | 12/01/2008 | | | | F | | 2,487 | ì | \$ 2.7 | 76 | 180,434 | | | D | | |
| | | | Table II - 1 | Deriva | ative Securi | ities A | | | | | | | • | | trol numbe | r. | | |
| | 1 | 1 | | <i>e.g.</i> , p | outs, calls, v | | ants, op | | | | | | | | ı | | | |
| Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Y | Execution Da any | 4. Transaction Code Year) (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) | | U S | Amou Inder Secur | . 3 and | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | | Ow For Der Sec Dir or I | rnership m of rivative curity: ect (D) Indirect str. 4) | Beneficial Ownershi (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exer | e rcisable | Expiration Date | ion 7 | | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | |
| Dancer | eting O | wnore | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Exer | rcisable | | | | of | | | | | |

Reporting Owners

| D 41 0 N 4 | Relationships | | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|--------------|------------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | | |
| Abiteboul Jean 700 MILAM ST. SUITE 800 HOUSTON, TX 70002 | | | Sr. VP - International | | | | | | |

Signatures

| /s/ Anne V. Vaughan under POA by Jean Abiteboul | 12/02/2008 | | |
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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).
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