

Nightingale Duncan  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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|---|---|--|--|---|--|
| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Nightingale Duncan</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O GRAN TIERRA ENERGY INC.,Â 300, 625 11TH AVENUE SW</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>CALGARY,Â A0Â T2R 0E1</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>08/17/2011</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>GRAN TIERRA ENERGY, INC. [GTE]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>(give title below) (specify below)</p> <p>Pres., GTE Colombia</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

|   |   |  |   |
|---|---|--|---|
| <p>1. Title of Security</p> <p>(Instr. 4)</p> | <p>2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned</p> <p>(Instr. 4)</p> | <p>3. Ownership Form:</p> <p>Direct (D)<br/>             or Indirect (I)</p> <p>(Instr. 5)</p> | <p>4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership</p> <p>(Instr. 5)</p> |
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

|  |  |  |   |   |   |
|--|--|--|---|---|---|
| <p>1. Title of Derivative Security</p> <p>(Instr. 4)</p> | <p>2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>Date Exercisable Expiration Date</p> | <p>3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security</p> <p>(Instr. 4)</p> <p>Title Amount or Number of</p> | <p>4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security</p> | <p>5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)</p> | <p>6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership</p> <p>(Instr. 5)</p> |
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|                           |                              |            |              | Shares  |         | or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) |   |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------|--------------|---------|---------|----------------------------------|---|
| Stock Options (Rt to Buy) | 09/08/2010 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> | 09/08/2019 | Common Stock | 166,667 | \$ 3.95 | D                                | Â |
| Stock Option (Rt to Buy)  | 03/03/2011 <sup>(1)</sup>    | 03/03/2020 | Common Stock | 30,000  | \$ 5.9  | D                                | Â |
| Stock Option (Rt to Buy)  | 03/09/2012 <sup>(1)</sup>    | 03/09/2021 | Common Stock | 50,000  | \$ 8.4  | D                                | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                       |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer               | Other |
| Nightingale Duncan<br>C/O GRAN TIERRA ENERGY INC.<br>300, 625 11TH AVENUE SW<br>CALGARY, Â A0Â T2R 0E1 | Â             | Â         | Â Pres., GTE Colombia | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/Sonya Messner,  
Attorney-In-Fact

08/25/2011

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Option shares shall vest in a series of three equal consecutive annual installments commencing on the first anniversary of the vesting commencement date until fully-vested.
- (2) 83,333 shares subject to this option vested on 9/8/10 and the option as to these shares was subsequently exercised and the shares sold.

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