FORM 4

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  TRIPODO ANTHONY             |   |  |  |         |                              | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HELIX ENERGY SOLUTIONS GROUP INC [ HLX ] |   |   |                               |         |                 |  |               |              |           |  | all app<br>Direc  | ship of Reporting P<br>applicable)<br>irector<br>fficer (give title |  | 10% C  |   |
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| (Last) (First) (Middle)<br>400 N. SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY E.<br>SUITE 400 |   |  |  |         |                              | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2012                          |   |   |                               |         |                 |  |               |              |           | Λ  | below) below)  Executive Vice President & CFO   |   |  |  |   |
| (Street) HOUSTON TX 77060  (City) (State) (Zip)                       |   |  |  |         | _ 4. If                      | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                             |   |   |                               |         |                 |  |               |              |           | 6. Indiv<br>∟ine)<br>X                         | vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person |   |  |  |   |
|   |   | Tabl                                       | e I - No                                     | n-Deriv | ative                        | Se   | curi  | ities   | s Acq                         | uired,  | Dis             | posed o  | f, o          | r Ben        | efici     | ially  | Owne  | ed  |  |  |   |
| Date  |   |  |  |         | te E:<br>onth/Day/Year) if   |  |   | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                               |         | ction<br>Instr. | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4<br>5)   |               |              |           | 4 and Secui<br>Benef<br>Owne                   |   | cially<br>d Following   | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4)        |  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|   |   |  |  |         |                              |  |   |   | Code                          | v       | Amount          |  | (A) or<br>(D) | Pric         | e         | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |   |   |  | (IIISII. 4)  |   |
| Common Stock 01/03/   |   |  |  |         |                              | 2012   |   |   |                               | A       |                 | 23,734   | 1             | A            | \$0.00(1) |  | 247,520   |   |  | D  |   |
| Common Stock 01/03/   |   |  |  |         | 3/2012                       |  |   |   | F                             |         | 1,921           | 2)   | D             | \$15.8       |           | 245,599  |   |   | D  |  |   |
| Common Stock 01/03/   |   |  |  |         | 8/2012                       |  |   |   |                               | F       |                 | 2,997  | 2)            | D            | \$15.8    |  | 242,602   |   |  | D  |   |
| Common Stock 01/04/   |   |  |  |         | l/2012                       | 2012   |   |   |                               | F       |                 | 2,316  | 2)            | D            | \$10      | 5.69   | 240,286   |   |  | D  |   |
|   |   | Та   |  |         |                              |  |   |   |                               |         |                 | sed of,<br>onvertib  |               |              |           |  | wned  |   |  |  |   |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                   | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deem<br>Execution<br>if any<br>(Month/Da | n Date, | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |  | on of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |   | 6. Date Expiratio<br>(Month/D | on Date |                 | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amount of Numbe of Shares |               | ount<br>nber | t         |  | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)                                   |   | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |   |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. This restricted stock award was granted pursuant to the Company's 2005 Long Term Incentive Plan 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.

## Remarks:

/s/ Anthony Tripodo

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

01/05/2012

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* 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).

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