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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>KRATZ OWEN E</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>3505 W SAM HOUSTON PARKWAY N.</u> <u>SUITE 400</u>  (Street) <u>HOUSTON TX 77043</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>HELIX ENERGY SOLUTIONS GROUP</u> <u>INC [ HLX ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  <b>PRESIDENT &amp; CEO</b>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/03/2017</u>	
		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

**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	01/03/2017		A		181,406	A	\$0.00 <sup>(1)</sup>	6,871,932	D	

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Performance Share Unit	(2)	01/03/2017		A		362,812 <sup>(3)</sup>		(2)	(4)	Common Stock	362,812	\$0.00	362,812	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- This restricted stock award was granted pursuant to the Company's 2005 Long Term Incentive Plan (as Amended and Restated effective January 1, 2017) and therefore has no purchase or sales price.
- Each Performance Share Unit ("PSU") represents the contingent right to receive one share of Company common stock. The actual number of shares upon vesting may range from 0% to 200% dependent on the Company's total shareholder return relative to the total shareholder return of its peer group over a three-year period beginning January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2019.
- Amount reported is 200% of the number of PSUs granted and the maximum number that may be earned.
- Upon payment of the PSUs, which shall occur no later than March 15, 2020.

**Remarks:**

/s/ Alisa B. Johnson by power of attorney 01/03/2017

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person 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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