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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan for the purchase or sale of equity securities of the issuer that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>KRATZ OWEN E</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>3505 WEST SAM HOUSTON PKWY NORTH 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 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) <u>PRESIDENT &amp; CEO</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/26/2026</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of 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

**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			

**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 Units	(I)	02/26/2026		M			368,292	(I)	(I)	Common Stock	368,292	\$0 <sup>(1)</sup>	0	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Each Performance Share Unit ("2023 PSU") was granted on January 3, 2023 pursuant to the Company's 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan (as amended, the "LTIP") and represented the contingent right to receive one share of Company common stock subject to the terms of the LTIP and the 2023 PSU Award Agreement. Actual number of shares upon vesting could have ranged from 0-200% dependent in equal parts on the Company's total shareholder return performance compared to a selected peer group and the generation of free cash flow compared to benchmarks over the three-year period beginning January 1, 2023 and ended December 31, 2025. Amount earned and vested was 151% of the number of 2023 PSUs granted. Pursuant to the terms of the 2023 PSU Award Agreement, the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors elected to pay in cash the value of the 2023 PSUs which vested.

/s/ Ken Neikirk by power of attorney 02/27/2026

\*\* 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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