PLAINS RESOURCES INC

Form 4

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SEC Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Issuer Name 4. Statement for 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) Person' and Ticker or Trading (Month/Day/Year to Issuer Flores, James C. Symbol (Check all applicable) 03/12/2003 Plains Resources Inc. X Director _ 10% Owner (Last) (First) PLX Officer (give title below) _ Other (Middle) (specify below) 500 Dallas Street, Suite 700 5. If Amendment, 3. I.R.S. Identification Date of Original Description Chairman of the Number of Reporting (Street) (Month/Day/Year) **Board** Person, if an entity Houston, TX 77002 (voluntary) 7. Individual or Joint/Group (State) (City) Filing (Check Applicable Line) (Zip) X Form filed by One Reporting 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. Transa Cod (Inst 8) | е | 4. Securit n(A) or Dis (Instr. (| posed | Of (D) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Owner-ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | Code | ٧ | Amount | A/D | Price | | | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/12/2003 | | Α | | 20,000 (1) | Α | (1) | 87,507 | D | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | \$ | 1,000,000 | ı | By Sable Management, L.P. | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | \$ | 221 | ı | Through 401(k) Plan | | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 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. Transactio Code (Instr.8) | | nof Derivative Securities | | Exercisab and Expirati Date(ED) | | 7. Title and e(D) (D) (D) (D) (D) (D) (D) (D) (D) (D) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr.5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr.4) | 10. Owner- ship Form of Deriv- ative Securities: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) |
|---|--|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---|--|----|---|--|---|---|---|
| | | | | Code | V | А | D | DE | ED | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | |
| | \$ | | | | | | | | | | | \$ | | |

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Represents Restricted Stock Units granted on March 12, 2003 (the "Grant Date"). Vesting for these Restricted Stock Units is as follows: 100% vesting on the 3rd anniversary of the Grant Date unless, at any time after 18 months from the Grant Date, the closing price of the Issuer's common stock equals or exceeds 150% of the closing price of the Issuer's common stock on the Grant Date for 30 consecutive trading days, all as reported on the New York Stock Exchange, in which event the Restricted Stock Units fully vest immediately.

By: Date:

/s/ James C. Flores, Chairman of the Board

04/23/2003

** Signature of Reporting Person

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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).
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