

FORUM ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

Form 4

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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GAUT C CHRISTOPHER

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FORUM ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES, INC. [FET]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
920 MEMORIAL CITY WAY, SUITE 1000
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/21/2013

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President, CEO & COB

HOUSTON, TX 77024

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 02/21/2013 | | A | (A) V Amount 40,950 (1) | \$ 0 281,683 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 172,050 | I | See Footnote (2) |
| Common Stock | | | | | 172,050 | I | See Footnote (3) |

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

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---------|-----|--|-----------------|---|
| | | | | | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 26.05 | 02/21/2013 | | A | | 126,850 | | (4) | 02/21/2023 | Common Stock 126,850 |
| Performance Shares | (5) | 02/21/2013 | | A | | 13,650 | | (5) | (5) | Common Stock 13,650 (5) |
| Performance Shares | (6) | 02/21/2013 | | A | | 13,650 | | (6) | (6) | Common Stock 13,650 (6) |
| Performance Shares | (7) | 02/21/2013 | | A | | 13,650 | | (7) | (7) | Common Stock 13,650 (7) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| GAUT C CHRISTOPHER 920 MEMORIAL CITY WAY SUITE 1000 HOUSTON, TX 77024 | X | | President, CEO & COB | |

Signatures

/s/ C. Christopher Gaut by John C. Ivascu as Attorney-in-Fact
Date: 02/25/2013

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* 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).

(1) These restricted stock units (the "Units") are granted pursuant to the Forum Energy Technologies, Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). Each Unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, upon the

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vesting of the Units. The Units vest according to the following schedule: 1/4 vest on each of the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the date of grant (2/21/2013), subject to accelerated vesting of the entire award upon a Change in Control (as defined in the Plan). The Units also include dividend equivalent rights that entitle the Reporting Person to the same dividends that would be payable were the shares of common stock underlying the Units actually outstanding at the time such dividends were issued. The credited dividends will be paid concurrently with the issuance of the shares of common stock to the Reporting Person.

- (2) These securities are held in trust for the benefit of the reporting person. The reporting person is the trustee of the trust. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these securities in this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

- (3) These securities are held in trust for the benefit of the reporting person's spouse. The reporting person's spouse is the trustee of the trust. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these securities in this report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

- (4) The options are exercisable in accordance with the following schedule: 1/4 of the options become exercisable on each of the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the date of grant (2/21/2013).

- (5) Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive shares of the Issuer's common stock, based on the Issuer's relative shareholder return versus that of the Issuer's peer group. Each performance share will settle for between 0 and 2 shares of common stock in the first quarter of 2014, based on achievement of performance measures over a one year period, following certification by the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee of performance results.

- (6) Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive shares of the Issuer's common stock, based on the Issuer's relative shareholder return versus that of the Issuer's peer group. Each performance share will settle for between 0 and 2 shares of common stock in the first quarter of 2015, based on achievement of performance measures over a two year period, following certification by the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee of performance results.

- (7) Each performance share represents a contingent right to receive shares of the Issuer's common stock, based on the Issuer's relative shareholder return versus that of the Issuer's peer group. Each performance share will settle for between 0 and 2 shares of common stock in the first quarter of 2016, based on achievement of performance measures over a three year period, following certification by the Nominating, Governance and Compensation Committee of performance results.

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