

Pacific Ethanol, Inc.
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Candlewood Investment Group, LP			(Month/Day/Year)	Pacific Ethanol, Inc. [PEIX]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
555 THEODORE FREMD AVE,Â SUITE C-303				(Check all applicable)	
(Street)				<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
RYE,Â NYÂ 10580				<input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	6,956,629	I	See footnote ⁽¹⁾

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Candlewood Investment Group, LP 555 THEODORE FREMD AVE SUITE C-303 RYE, NY 10580	Â	Â X	Â	Â

Signatures

/s/ Candlewood Investment Group, LP, By: Janet Miller, its Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel

07/13/2015

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) The securities are held by investment funds for which Candlewood Investment Group, LP serves as the investment manager. Candlewood Investment Group, LP disclaims pecuniary interest in the reported securities except to the extent of its economic interest.

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