

# FORM 3

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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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 * Candlewood Investment Group, LP		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 07/01/2015	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Pacific Ethanol, Inc. [PEIX]	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 555 THEODORE FREMD AVE, SUITE C-303	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
(Street) RYE, NY 10580			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	
(City) (State) (Zip)	<b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned</b>			

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.

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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 Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

## 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		X		

## Signatures

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

07/13/2015

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* 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.

(1) Candlewood Investment Group, LP disclaims pecuniary interest in the reported securities except to the extent of its economic interest.

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