FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Ty	pe Response	es)															
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Candlewood Investment Group, LP					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Pacific Ethanol, Inc. [PEIX]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director X 10% Owner						
(Last) (First) (Middle) 555 THEODORE FREMD AVE., SUITE C-303					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/29/2016							r (give title belo		Other (specify l	below)		
				-	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)							6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)Form filed by One Reporting Person _X_Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City		(State)		(Zip)		Ta	ble I - Nor	-Dei	rivative Se	curiti	es Acqui	ired, Disp	osed of, or l	Beneficially	Owned		
1.Title of S (Instr. 3)	Security		Date	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	any	Deemed ution Date, if th/Day/Year)			(A) or Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		quired of (D)	5. Amou Benefici Reported	unt of Securities ially Owned Following d Transaction(s)		6. Ownership Form:	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
					(Month/L		Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3	and 4)		· /	(Instr. 4)	
Common	Stock		01/29	/2016			P		18,128	A	\$ 3.363 (1)	4,615,9	014		I	See footnote (4)	
Common	Stock		01/29	/2016			P		2,472	A	\$ 3.363 (1)	740,77	8		I	See footnote (5)	
Common	Stock		02/01	/2016			P		170,993	A	\$ 3.3444 (2)	4,786,9	007		I	See footnote (4)	
Common	Stock		02/01	/2016			P		23,317	A	\$ 3.3444 (2)	764,09	5		I	See footnote (5)	
Common	Stock		02/02	/2016			P		974,699	A	\$ 3.293 (3)	5,761,6	506		I	See footnote (4)	
Common	Stock		02/02	/2016			P		132,914	A	\$ 3.293 (3)	897,009	9		I	See footnote (5)	
Common	Stock											3,126,1	84		I	See footnote (5)	
Common	Stock											77,293			I	See footnote (5)	
Common	Stock											48,153			I	See footnote (6)	
Common	Stock											192,612	2		I	See footnote (6)	
Reminder: indirectly.	Report on a	separate lin	e for each	h class of sec	curities be	neficially											
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				Table II -			ies Acquir arrants, op						l				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)				3A. Deemed Execution D	l 4. Oate, if Tr	ransaction	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,	r 6. i	s, converti Date Exerc d Expiratio fonth/Day/	isable n Date	7. T e Am Und Sec	Title and ount of derlying urities tr. 3 and	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Owners Form of Derivati Security Direct (or Indire	Benefici ive Ownersl 7: (Instr. 4) D) ect	
							4, and 5)	-				Amount					

						Date		Title	Number		
						Exercisable	Date		of		
		Code	V	(A)	(D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Booking Owner Name (Address	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Candlewood Investment Group, LP 555 THEODORE FREMD AVE., SUITE C-303 RYE, NY 10580		X					
Candlewood Special Situations General, LLC 555 THEODORE FREMD AVE., SUITE C-303 RYE, NY 10580		X					
Candlewood Investment Group General, LLC 555 THEODORE FREMD AVE., SUITE C-303 RYE, NY 10580		X					
Candlewood Special Situations Master Fund, Ltd. 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	02/02/2016
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Candlewood Special Situations General, LLC, by Michael Lau, its Class A Member	02/02/2016
-*Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Candlewood Investment Group General, LLC, by Michael Lau, its Manager	02/02/2016
-*Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Candlewood Special Situations Master Fund, Ltd., by David Koenig, its Portfolio Manager	02/02/2016
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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- * 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).
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$3.27 to \$3.40. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. Detailed (1) information regarding the number of shares transacted at each separate price will be provided upon request by the Commission staff, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$3.29 to \$3.44. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. Detailed (2) information regarding the number of shares transacted at each separate price will be provided upon request by the Commission staff, the Issuer or a security holder of the
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$3.19 to \$3.305. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. Detailed (3) information regarding the number of shares transacted at each separate price will be provided upon request by the Commission staff, the Issuer or a security holder of the
- The securities are directly held by Candlewood Special Situations Master Fund, Ltd. (the "Special Situations Fund"). Candlewood Investment Group, LP (the "Investment Manager") serves as the investment manager to the Special Situations Fund, and Candlewood Special Situations General, LLC (the "Fund GP") serves as the general partner of the Special Situations Fund. Candlewood Investment Group General, LLC (the "Manager GP") serves as the general partner of the Investment Manager. Each of the Investment Manager, the Fund GP and the Manager GP disclaims pecuniary interest in the reported securities except to the extent of its economic interest.
- The securities are directly held by a private investment fund for which (i) the Investment Manager serves as the investment manager and (ii) the Fund GP serves as the (5) general partner. The Manager GP serves as the general partner of the Investment Manager. Each of the Investment Manager, the Fund GP and the Manager GP disclaims pecuniary interest in the reported securities except to the extent of its economic interest.
- The securities are directly held by a private investment fund for which the Investment Manager controls the investment manager advising such fund. The Manager GP (6) serves as the general partner of the Investment Manager. Each of the Investment Manager and the Manager GP disclaims pecuniary interest in the reported securities except to the extent of its economic interest.

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