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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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Name and Address of Candlewood Investr	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) 03/15/2017						Officer (give title below)	Other (specify	below)
(Street) RYE, NY 10580			4. If Amendment	, Date Orig	ginal	Filed(Month	/Day/Ye	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 - Noi	ı-De	rivative Se	curiti	es Acqui	red, Disposed of, or Beneficially	y Owned	
1.Title of Security			2A. Deemed	3. Transac	ction	4. Securit		5. Amount of Securities	6.	7. Nature	
(Instr. 3)		(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	Beneficial Ownership
				Code	V	Amount	or (D)	Price		(I) (Instr. 4)	(msu. 1)
Common Stock		03/15/2017		S		93,724	D	\$ 6.7612 (6)	3,893,470	I	See Footnote (1)
Common Stock		03/15/2017		S		1,382	D	\$ 6.7612 (6)	57,402	I	See Footnote (2)
Common Stock		03/15/2017		S		246,368	D	\$ 6.7	3,647,102	I	See Footnote (1)
Common Stock		03/15/2017		S		3,632	D	\$ 6.7	53,770	I	See Footnote (2)
Common Stock		03/16/2017		S		134,162	D	\$ 6.7223 (7)	3,512,940	Ι	See Footnote (1)
Common Stock		03/16/2017		S		1,978	D	\$ 6.7223 (7)	51,792	Ι	See Footnote (2)
Common Stock		03/16/2017		S		246,368	D	\$ 6.7	3,266,572	Ι	See Footnote (1)
Common Stock		03/16/2017		S		3,632	D	\$ 6.7	48,160	Ι	See Footnote (2)
Common Stock		03/17/2017		S		87,712	D	\$ 6.7351 (8)	3,178,860	Ι	See Footnote (1)
Common Stock		03/17/2017		S		1,293	D	\$ 6.7351 (8)	46,867	Ι	See Footnote
Common Stock		03/17/2017		S		344,915	D	\$ 6.65	2,833,945	Ι	See Footnote (1)
Common Stock		03/17/2017		S		5,085	D	\$ 6.65	41,782	Ι	See Footnote
Common Stock		03/17/2017		S		246,368	D	\$ 6.7	2,587,577	I	See Footnote
Common Stock		03/17/2017		S		3,632	D	\$ 6.7	38,150	I	See Footnote
Common Stock									900,177	I	See Footnote
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Common	Stock										77,292		I	Fo. (2	ootnote
Common	Stock										7,284		D	(3)	1
Common	Stock										2,742		D	<u>(4)</u>	
Common	Stock										4,207		D	(5)	
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Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code	tion	of	umber 6. Date Exercisa and Expiration I (Month/Day/Yeurities uired or loosed D) r. 3,		on Date	Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	Beneficial
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiratio Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Reporting Owners

Reporting 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					
Lau Michael Jung Awn C/O CANDLEWOOD INVESTMENT GROUP, LP 555 THEODORE FREMD AVE., SUITE C-303 RYE, NY 10580		X					
Koenig David Erwin C/O CANDLEWOOD INVESTMENT GROUP, LP 555 THEODORE FREMD AVE., SUITE C-303 RYE, NY 10580		X					
DeSantis Philip Frank C/O CANDLEWOOD INVESTMENT GROUP, LP 555 THEODORE FREMD AVE., SUITE C-303 RYE, NY 10580		X					

Signatures

Candlewood Investment Group, LP, By: /s/ Janet Miller, its Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel	03/17/2017
-*Signature of Reporting Person	Date
Candlewood Special Situations General, LLC, By: /s/ Michael J. Lau, its Class A Member	03/17/2017
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
Candlewood Investment Group General, LLC, By: /s/ Michael J. Lau, its Manager	03/17/2017
	Date

**Signature of Reporting Person	
Candlewood Special Situations Master Fund, Ltd., By: /s/ David E. Koenig, its Portfolio Manager	03/17/2017
***Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Michael J. Lau	03/17/2017
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ David E. Koenig	03/17/2017
Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Philip F. DeSantis	03/17/2017
**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).
 - 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
- (1) partner of the Special Situations Fund. Candlewood Investment Group General, LLC (the "Manager GP") serves as the general partner of the Investment Manager. Messrs. Lau, Koenig and DeSantis are managing partners of the Investment Manager. Each of the Reporting Persons, other than the Special Situations Fund, disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of its pecuniary 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 (2) general partner. The Manager GP serves as the general partner of the Investment Manager. Messrs. Lau, Koenig and DeSantis are managing partners of the Investment Manager. Each of the Reporting Persons disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of its pecuniary interest.
- (3) The securities are directly held by Michael J. Lau. No other Reporting Person beneficially owns these securities.
- (4) The securities are directly held by David E. Koenig. No other Reporting Person beneficially owns these securities.
- (5) The securities are directly held by Philip F. DeSantis. No other Reporting Person beneficially owns these securities.
- The transactions were executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$6.70 to \$7.05. The price above reflects the weighted average sales price. Detailed information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price will be provided upon request by the Commission staff, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer.
- (7) The transactions were executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$6.70 to \$6.85. The price above reflects the weighted average sales price. Detailed information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price will be provided upon request by the Commission staff, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer.
- (8) The transactions were executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$6.70 to \$6.78. The price above reflects the weighted average sales price. Detailed information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price will be provided upon request by the Commission staff, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer.

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