

BLUE DOLPHIN ENERGY CO

Form 10-K/A

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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 10-K/A
(Amendment No. 1)**

(Mark One)

**ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010

or

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from _____ to _____.

Commission File No. 0-15905

BLUE DOLPHIN ENERGY COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization

73-1268729

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

801 Travis Street, Suite 2100

Houston, Texas

(Address of principal executive offices)

77002

(Zip Code)

(713) 568-4725

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

Name of each exchange on which registered
NASDAQ Capital Market

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

(Title of class)

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

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Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definition of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller Reporting
Company

(Do not check if a smaller
reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes No
Aggregate market value of voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of June 30, 2010 was approximately \$2.7 million based on the reverse stock split-adjusted closing price of \$2.47 per share on the NASDAQ Capital Market.

Number of shares of common stock outstanding as of May 13, 2011 2,086,746

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

None.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Amendment No. 1 on Form 10-K/A (this Amendment) amends Blue Dolphin Energy Company s (referred to herein as we, our, Blue Dolphin or the Company) Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, originally filed on March 31, 2011 (the Original Filing). Blue Dolphin is filing this Amendment to include the information required by Part III contained in the Original Filing as Blue Dolphin did not file its definitive proxy statement within 120 days of the end of Blue Dolphin s fiscal year ended December 31, 2010. In addition, in connection with the filing of this Amendment and pursuant to the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC), Blue Dolphin is including with this Amendment certain currently dated certifications. Accordingly, Item 15 of Part IV has been amended to reflect the filing of these currently dated certifications. Except as described above, no other changes have been made to the Original Filing. This Amendment continues to speak as of the date of the Original Filing, and Blue Dolphin has not updated the disclosures contained therein to reflect any events which occurred at a date subsequent to the Original Filing.

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The Company's amended and restated bylaws provide that the Board of Directors (the Board) shall consist of five members, with the precise number to be determined from time to time by the Board, except that no decrease in the number shall have the effect of shortening the term of an incumbent director. The Board currently has five directors, each serving until the next annual meeting of stockholders to be held by the Company.

The following sets forth, as of May 13, 2011, each director, all positions held with the Company, principal occupation, age, year in which the director first became a director of the Company, and the specific experience, qualifications, attributes or skills that led to the conclusion that the person should serve as a director.

Name, Age, Principal Occupation and Specific Attributes	Director Since
<p>Ivar Siem, 64, <i>Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer, President, Assistant Treasurer and Secretary</i>. Mr. Siem has served as Chairman of the Board of the Company since 1989 and was appointed as Chief Executive Officer in 2004. He was appointed to the additional positions of President, Assistant Treasurer and Secretary in 2010. Since 2000, he has also served as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Drillmar Energy Inc., a subsidiary of which filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization in November 2009. From 1995 to 2000, he served as Chairman and director and interim President of DI Industries, which later became Grey Wolf, Inc. From 1996 to 1997, Mr. Siem also served as Chief Executive Officer of Seateam Technology ASA. From 1981 to 1995, Mr. Siem was an international consultant to companies in the energy, technology and finance industries. From 1974 to 1981, Mr. Siem held a variety of progressively responsible management positions within the Fred. Olsen group of companies, including President of Dolphin International, Inc. until it was sold in 1981. Mr. Siem began his career as a petroleum engineer for Amoco Corporation. He currently serves or has previously served on the Boards of Directors of several public and privately-held companies, including Avenir ASA, The Classical Theatre, Frupor SA, TI A/S, Siem Industries, Inc. and two of its affiliates. Mr. Siem holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley, and has completed an executive MBA program at Amos Tuck School of Business, Dartmouth University. As a result of these and other professional experiences, Mr. Siem possesses particular knowledge and experience in engineering, strategic planning, operations and general management that strengthen the Board's collective qualifications, skills and experience.</p>	1989
<p>Laurence N. Benz, 48, <i>Director</i>. Dr. Benz was elected as a director of the Company in 2004. He is currently the President / Chief Executive Officer of PT Development LLC, a private equity firm with operating holdings in various health care related companies. From 1987 to 2007, he served as the President of Kentucky Orthopedic Rehabilitation LLC, which he founded. From 1984 through 1989, he served as a Captain in the Army Medical Specialists Corps of the United States Army. Dr. Benz is the founder and organizer of multiple private companies representing healthcare, banking, telecommunications, real estate and consulting services. He also serves on the Board for multiple private companies. Dr. Benz received a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Bowling Green State University, a Masters in Physical Therapy from Baylor University, a Masters in Business Administration from Ohio State University and a Doctorate in Physical Therapy from MGH Institute of Health Professionals in Boston, Massachusetts. As a result of these and other professional experiences, Dr. Benz possesses particular knowledge and experience in accounting, capital structure, finance and strategic and tactical planning that strengthen the Board's collective qualifications, skills and experience.</p>	2004

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Name, Age, Principal Occupation and Specific Attributes	Director Since
<p>John N. Goodpasture, 62, <i>Director</i>. Mr. Goodpasture was appointed as a director of the Company in 2006. He presently serves as Senior Vice President of Corporate Development at Copano Energy, LLC, a Nasdaq listed, mid-sized gathering and processing company. From 2001 to 2009, he served as Vice President of Corporate Development for Texas Eastern Products Pipeline Company, L.L.C., the general partner of TEPPCO Partners, L.P. In this role, Mr. Goodpasture directed the acquisition and divestiture activities for the partnership, and also had primary commercial responsibility for the midstream business segment. From 1999 to 2001, he was Vice President of Business Development for Enron Transportation Services. From 1980 to 1999, Mr. Goodpasture held various executive-level positions with Seagull Energy Corporation, including President of Seagull Pipeline & Marketing Company. Previously he held a variety of management positions at Union Carbide Corporation, where he began his career in 1970. Mr. Goodpasture also serves on the Board of End Hunger Network of Houston. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. As a result of these and other professional experiences, Mr. Goodpasture possesses particular knowledge and experience in the oil and gas industry in business development, capital structure and mergers and acquisitions that strengthen the Board's collective qualifications, skills and experience.</p>	2006
<p>Harris A. Kaffie, 61, <i>Director</i>. Mr. Kaffie has served as a director of the Company since 1989. Mr. Kaffie is a private investor with diverse investments and business activities across such areas as energy, finance, venture capital, real estate development, farming, ranching and minerals. Since 1994, he has been associated with Kaffie Brothers, a real estate, farming and ranching company, where he serves as a partner. He also serves on the Board of several privately held companies. Mr. Kaffie received a Bachelor of Business Administration from Southern Methodist University in 1972. As a result of these and other professional experiences, Mr. Kaffie possesses particular knowledge and experience in capital structure, business development and strategic planning that strengthen the Board's collective qualifications, skills and experience.</p>	1989
<p>Erik Ostbye, 59, <i>Director</i>. Mr. Ostbye was elected as a director of the Company in 2006. Since 1983, Mr. Ostbye has been associated with the Arne Blystad Group of companies. He has served as President of Songa Shipping & Trading Limited since January 2011, and President of Chianti Asset Management LLC since 2007. From 2003 to 2007, Mr. Ostbye was Vice President of Finance of Sokana Chartering. From 1988 to 2003, he served as Vice President of Finance of Blystad Shipping (USA) Inc. From 1983 to 1988, he was Financial Manager of Arne Blystad AS. Mr. Ostbye serves on the Board of several privately held companies. He holds a Sivilokonom/MBA from the Norwegian School of Management (BI). As a result of these and other professional experiences, Mr. Ostbye possesses particular knowledge and experience in accounting, capital structure and finance that strengthen the Board's collective qualifications, skills and experience.</p>	2006
Executive Officers	
The following sets forth the age and background of each executive officer and the year in which the executive officer first joined the Company:	
Name, Age and Principal Occupation	Joined Company
<p>T. Scott Howard, 39, <i>Treasurer and Assistant Secretary</i>. Mr. Howard was appointed as Treasurer of the Company in 2009 and Assistant Secretary of the Company in April 2008. He joined the Company as Accounting Manager in 2006. From 1996 to 2006 he held a variety of management</p>	2006

level positions: Audit Manager with DRDA, P.C., an independent public accounting firm in Houston, Texas from 2002 to 2006, Trust Officer with Frost National Bank in Houston, Texas from 2000 to 2002 and Controller for Hall's Insurance Agency, Inc. in Dickinson, Texas from 1996 to 2000. He began his career as a Staff Accountant for Griffin, Iles, Masel & Duval, LLP, a public accounting firm, where he was employed from 1994 to 1996. Mr. Howard, who is a Certified Public Accountant in Texas, received his Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from St. Edward's University.

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Family Relationships between Directors and Officers

As of May 13, 2011, there were no relationships between any director or executive officer of the Company and any other director or executive officer of the Company.

Committees and Meetings of the Board

Board

During 2010, the Board consisted of Dr. Benz and Messrs. Goodpasture, Kaffie, Ostbye and Siem with Mr. Siem serving as Chairman. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, the Board held five (5) regular meetings and eight (8) special meetings. Each director attended at least 75% of the total number of meetings of the Board and committees on which he served. The Board has two standing committees, the Audit Committee and the Compensation Committee.

Audit Committee

During 2010, the Audit Committee consisted of Dr. Benz and Messrs. Kaffie and Ostbye with Dr. Benz serving as Chairman. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, the Audit Committee met five (5) times. The Board has affirmatively determined that all members of the Audit Committee are independent and that Dr. Benz qualifies as an Audit Committee Financial Expert. The Audit Committee's duties include overseeing financial reporting and internal control functions and the Audit Committee's charter is available on our website (www.blue-dolphin.com).

Compensation Committee

During 2010, the Compensation Committee consisted of Messrs. Goodpasture and Kaffie. The Compensation Committee did not meet during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010. The Board has affirmatively determined that all members of the Compensation Committee are independent. The Compensation Committee does not have a charter, however, its duties are to oversee and set the Company's compensation policies, to approve compensation of executive officers and to administer the Company's stock incentive plan.

Nominating Committee

Given the size of the Board and that a majority of its members are independent, as defined under National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotations (NASDAQ) Listing Rules, the Board adopted a Board Nomination Procedures policy in July 2005 in lieu of appointing a standing nominating committee. The policy is used by independent members of the Board when choosing nominees to stand for election.

The Board will consider for possible nomination qualified nominees recommended by stockholders. As addressed in the Board Nomination Procedures policy, the manner in which independent directors evaluate nominees for director as recommended by a stockholder will be the same as that for nominees received from other sources.

The Board will continue to nominate qualified directors of whom the Board believes will make important contributions to the Board and the Company. The Board generally requires that nominees be persons of sound ethical character, be able to represent all stockholders fairly, have demonstrated professional achievements, have meaningful experience and have a general appreciation of the major business issues facing the Company. The Board also considers issues of diversity and background in its selection process, recognizing that it is desirable for its membership to have differences in viewpoints, professional experiences, educational backgrounds, skills, race, gender, age and national origin.

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Corporate Governance

Leadership Structure

The Company is led by Ivar Siem, who has served as Chairman of the Board since 1989 and Chief Executive Officer since 2004. Having a single leader for the Company is commonly utilized by other public companies in the United States, and we believe it has been effective for our Company as well. This leadership structure demonstrates to our employees, customers and stockholders that we are under strong leadership, with a single person setting the tone and having primary responsibility for managing our operations, and eliminates the potential for confusion or duplication of efforts. We do not believe that appointing an independent Board chairman, or a permanent lead director, would improve upon the performance of the Board.

Risk Oversight

Our Board is actively involved in overseeing the risk management of the Company. Presentations by management to the Board include consideration of the challenges and risks to our business, and the Board and management actively engage in discussion on these topics. Furthermore, the two standing Board committees provide appropriate risk oversight. The Audit Committee oversees the accounting and financial reporting processes, as well as compliance, internal control, legal and risk matters. The Compensation Committee oversees compensation policies, including the approval of compensation for our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. We believe that the processes established to report and monitor systems for material risks applicable to the Company are appropriate and effective.

Code of Conduct

In July 2005, the Board adopted a code of conduct (the Code of Conduct) applicable to all directors, officers and employees, as set forth in the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, which is publicly available on Blue Dolphin's website (www.blue-dolphin.com). The Code of Conduct requires all directors, officers and employees to act ethically at all times, and prohibits any employee from retaliating or taking any adverse action against anyone for raising or helping to resolve an integrity concern.

The Audit Committee established procedures to enable anyone who has a concern about the Company's conduct or policies, or any employee who has a concern about the Company's accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters, to communicate that concern directly to the Chairman of the Audit Committee. Violations and/or concerns may be sent anonymously by mail to Laurence N. Benz (Audit Committee Chairman, Blue Dolphin Energy Company), 13000 Equity Place, Suite 105, Louisville, Kentucky 40223, via email to larry@physicaltherapist.com or such other contact information for Dr. Benz that the Company may post on its website from time to time.

Code of Ethics

In April 2003, the Board adopted a Code of Ethics policy that is applicable to the principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions. The Code of Ethics policy is posted on our website (www.blue-dolphin.com) and is available to any stockholder, without charge, upon written request to Blue Dolphin Energy Company, Attention: Secretary, 801 Travis Street, Suite 2100, Houston, Texas 77002. Any amendments or waivers to provisions of the Code of Ethics policy will be disclosed on our website.

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Communicating with Directors

As the Board does not receive a large volume of correspondence from stockholders, at this time, there is no formal process by which stockholders can communicate with the Board. Instead, any stockholder who desires to contact the Board or specific members of the Board may do so by writing to: Blue Dolphin Energy Company, Attention: Secretary for Board, 801 Travis Street, Suite 2100, Houston, Texas 77002. Currently, all communications addressed in such manner are sent directly to the indicated directors. In the future, if the Board adopts a formal process for determining how communications are to be relayed to directors, that process will be disclosed on our website.

ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Executive Compensation Policy and Procedures

Compensation for the Company's executive officers consists of base salary, cash bonuses and incentive awards that have historically consisted of stock options. The Company does not offer a retirement plan that provides for the payment of retirement benefits. In the event an employee of the Company retires after age 65, the non-vested portion of any stock options received expires immediately. The vested portion of any stock options received expires, to the extent not exercised, three months after retirement. The Compensation Committee has the authority to approve all forms of executive compensation based on its experience and informal consideration of compensation practices of oil and gas companies of similar size and business focus. The Compensation Committee has not used compensation consultants in the past in making its determinations. The Company believes that stock ownership by its executive officers and other employees furthers the alignment between the interests of the executive officers and other employees and the stockholders, thereby enhancing the Company's efforts to improve stockholder returns and increase stockholder value.

The Company's stock incentive plan provides that upon a change of control, the Compensation Committee may accelerate the vesting of options, cancel options and make payments in respect thereof in cash in accordance with the terms of the stock incentive plan, adjust the outstanding options as appropriate to reflect such change of control or provide that each option shall thereafter be exercisable for the number and class of securities or property that the optionee would have been entitled to receive had the option been exercised. The stock incentive plan provides that a change of control occurs if any person, entity or group acquires or gains ownership or control of more than 50% of the outstanding common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, (Common Stock) or, if after certain enumerated transactions, the persons who were directors before such transactions cease to constitute a majority of the Board.

The compensation of executive officers is reviewed on an annual basis, as well as when changes in responsibilities occur. The Compensation Committee may not delegate its authority to approve compensation determinations for executive officers. The Compensation Committee approves changes in compensation for Mr. Howard based on the recommendations of Mr. Siem as principal executive officer and Chairman of the Board. The Compensation Committee determines the compensation for Mr. Siem.

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The table below sets forth the compensation paid to the Company's principal executive officer and the most highly compensated executive officer other than the principal executive officer whose annual salary exceeded \$100,000 in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010 (collectively, the Named Executive Officers) for services rendered to the Company. Messrs. Siem and Howard are the Company's only two Named Executive Officers.

SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary	Option Awards ⁽²⁾	Total
Ivar Siem ⁽¹⁾				
Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer, President, Assistant Treasurer and Secretary	2010	\$ 100,000	\$	\$ 100,000
	2009	\$ 100,000	\$ 63,727	\$ 163,727
T. Scott Howard				
Treasurer and Assistant Secretary	2010	\$ 110,000	\$	\$ 110,000
	2009	\$ 110,000	\$	\$ 110,000

- (1) Mr. Siem's salary is based on part-time employment with the Company in his capacity as Chief Executive Officer.
- (2) Represents amounts recognized for financial statement purposes for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 718, *Compensation - Stock Compensation*. Assumptions used in the calculation of these amounts are included in Footnote 5 (Stock Options) to the Company's audited, consolidated financial statements for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, which, for 2010, are included in the Company's Original Filing, and for 2009, are included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K and Amendment No. 1 on Form 10-K/A.

Compensation Risk Assessment

Our approach to compensation practices and policies applicable for non-executive employees throughout our organization is consistent with that followed for executive employees. Base pay is based on market median for each position, and bonuses and stock based incentives are based on individual and Company performance. Accordingly, we believe our practices and policies in this regard are not reasonably likely to have a materials adverse effect on our Company.

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OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT FISCAL YEAR END

Name	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options- Exercisable	Option Awards		
		Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options- Unexercisable	Option Exercise Price	Option Expiration Date
Ivar Siem	14,285		\$ 19.67	10/15/2013
T. Scott Howard	642		\$ 19.67	10/15/2017

Director Compensation Policy and Procedures

Directors who are also employees of the Company are not paid any fees or other compensation for services as a member of the Board or any committee of the Board. Compensation for members of the Board and committees of the Board is approved by the Board based on recommendations by Mr. Siem as principal executive officer and Chairman of the Board. As with employee stock ownership, the Company believes that stock ownership by members of the Board furthers the alignment between the interests of the directors and the stockholders, resulting in an enhancement of the Company's efforts to improve stockholder returns and increase stockholder value.

Compensation for Non-Employee Directors

Non-employee directors are paid an annual retainer of \$20,000, payable quarterly in Common Stock with the number of shares based upon the fair value on the date of payment. The shares are restricted from sale pursuant to holding periods under Rule 144 of the Securities Act, and applicable state securities laws. The Audit Committee chairman receives an additional annual retainer of \$5,000 and other Audit Committee members receive an additional annual retainer of \$2,500. The Audit Committee retainer is payable semi-annually in cash. No additional compensation is paid to directors serving on the Compensation Committee. Directors are entitled to be reimbursed for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses related to in-person meeting attendance.

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The following table sets forth the compensation paid to non-employee directors in fiscal year ended December 31, 2010:

DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash	Stock Awards ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Total
Laurence N. Benz	\$ 5,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 25,000
John N. Goodpasture	\$	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Harris A. Kaffie	\$ 2,500	\$ 20,000	\$ 22,500
Erik Ostbye	\$ 2,500	\$ 20,000	\$ 22,500

(1) Represents amounts recognized for financial statement purposes for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718, *Compensation - Stock Compensation*. Assumptions used in the calculation of these amounts are included in Footnote 5 (Stock Options) to the Company's audited, consolidated financial statements for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, which, for 2010, are included in the Company's Original Filing, and for 2009, are included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K and Amendment No. 1 on Form 10-K/A.

(2) At December 31, 2010, each non-employee director had total stock awards outstanding as follows: Dr. Benz 27,701, Mr. Goodpasture 20,365, Mr. Kaffie 109,300 and Mr. Ostbye 20,490.

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The table below sets forth certain information with respect to the beneficial ownership for shares of Common Stock (the only class of voting security issued and outstanding) as of May 13, 2011 by: (i) all persons and institutions known by us to be the beneficial owners of 5% or more of the outstanding shares of Common Stock, (ii) each director, (iii) each executive officer; and (iv) all directors and executive officers as a group. Unless otherwise indicated, each of the following persons have sole voting and dispositive power with respect to such shares.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Shares Owned Beneficially	
	Number	Percent ⁽¹⁾
Blue Sky Langsa Limited	342,857	16.2%
Columbus Petroleum Limited, Inc. ⁽²⁾	130,244	6.2%
Harris A. Kaffie ⁽³⁾	126,758	6.0%
Ivar Siem ⁽³⁾	90,181	4.3%
Laurence N. Benz	29,759	1.4%
Erik Ostbye	22,548	1.1%
John N. Goodpasture	22,423	1.1%
T. Scott Howard ⁽³⁾	642	*
<i>Directors and Executive Officers as a Group (6 Persons)</i>	292,311	13.8%

* Less than 1%.

- (1) Based upon 2,113,182 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding (2,086,746 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of the May 13, 2011 and 26,436 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of options that may be exercised within 60 days of May 13, 2011).
- (2) Based upon a Schedule 13D filed with the SEC on September 8, 2004, the address of Columbus Petroleum Limited, Inc. was Aeulestrasse 74, FL-9490, Vaduz, Liechtenstein.
- (3) Includes shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of options that may be exercised within 60 days of May 13, 2011 as follows: Mr. Kaffie 11,509; Mr. Siem 14,285; Mr. Howard 642; and all directors and executive officers as a group 26,436.

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), requires the Company's directors, executive officers, and stockholders who own more than 10% of our Common Stock, to file reports of stock ownership and changes in ownership with the SEC and to furnish us with copies of all such reports as filed. Based solely on a review of the copies of the Section 16(a) reports furnished to us, the Company is aware that during 2010, all of its directors, executive officers and greater than 10% stockholders complied with their Section 16(a) filing requirements.

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The following table provides information for all equity compensation plans as of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, under which our equity securities were authorized for issuance:

Plan Category	Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights (a)	Weighted Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights (b)	Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Securities Reflected in Column (a)) (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	30,390	\$ 13.29	30,390
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders		\$ 0.00	
Total	30,390	\$ 13.29	30,390

ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

Director Independence

The Board has affirmatively determined that each of its members, with the exception of Mr. Siem, are independent and have no material relationship with the Company (either directly or indirectly or as a stockholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with the Company), and that all members of the Audit and Compensation Committees are independent, pursuant to NASDAQ Listing and SEC rules.

ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES

UHY LLP, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm since 2002, has a continuing relationship with UHY Advisors, Inc. (both entities collectively referred to herein as "UHY"), from which it leases auditing staff who are full-time, permanent employees of UHY Advisors, Inc. and through which UHY's partners provide non-audit services. As UHY only has a few full-time employees, few, if any of the audit services performed for the Company were provided by permanent full-time employees of UHY. UHY manages and supervises the audit services and audit staff, and is exclusively responsible for the opinion rendered in connection with its examination.

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Fees paid to UHY by the Company in the fiscal years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 were as follows:

	2010	2009
Audit fees	\$ 163,271	\$ 163,000
Audit-related fees		12,000
Tax fees	18,318	23,000
All other fees	10,323	
Total	\$ 191,912	\$ 198,000

Audit fees for 2010 and 2009 included fees related to the audit of our consolidated financial statements and review of our quarterly reports that are filed with the SEC. Audit-related fees for 2009 included other fees for consultation related to our transaction with Lazarus Energy Holdings, LLC. Tax fees for 2010 and 2009 primarily include fees for preparation of federal and state income tax returns as well as tax planning services. The Audit Committee must pre-approve all audit and non-audit services provided to the Company by its independent registered public accounting firm.

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PART IV

ITEM 15. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

(a) List of documents filed as part of this report

3. *Exhibits.* We hereby file as part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K/A (Amendment No. 1) the Exhibits listed in the attached Exhibit Index.

No.	Description
31.1	Ivar Siem Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 **
31.2	T. Scott Howard Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 **
32.1	Ivar Siem Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 **
32.2	T. Scott Howard Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 **

** Filed herewith.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

BLUE DOLPHIN ENERGY COMPANY
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Ivar Siem
Ivar Siem
(Chairman and CEO)
Date: May 13, 2011

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Ivar Siem	Chairman, CEO, President,	May 13, 2011
Ivar Siem	Assistant Treasurer and Secretary (Principal Executive Officer)	
/s/ T. Scott Howard	Treasurer and Assistant Secretary	May 13, 2011
T. Scott Howard	(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	
/s/ Laurence N. Benz	Director	May 13, 2011
Laurence N. Benz		
/s/ John N. Goodpasture	Director	May 13, 2011
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/s/ Harris A. Kaffie	Director	May 13, 2011
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/s/ Erik Ostbye	Director	May 13, 2011
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