

GULFPORT ENERGY CORP

Form 3

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Â HARBERT DISTRESSED  
INVESTMENT MASTER  
FUND LTD

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O INTERNATIONAL FUND  
SERVICES,Â THIRD FL  
BISHOP SQUARE  
REDMONDS HILL

(Street)

DUBLIN  
IRELAND,Â L2Â 00000

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/17/2005

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol  
GULFPORT ENERGY CORP [GPOR]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_X\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Officer \_\_\_\_ Other  
(give title below) (specify below)

5. 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

**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	3,921,830 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	Â
Common Stock	3,921,830 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By Harbert Distressed Investment Master Fund, Ltd.
Common Stock	90,270 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	By Alpha US Sub Fund VI, LLC

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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## Reporting Owners

## Signatures

HMC Investors, L.L.C., By: /s/ Joel Piassick 03/01/2005

## Edgar Filing: GULFPORT ENERGY CORP - Form 3

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

By: /s/ Philip Falcone

03/01/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

By: /s/ Raymond J. Harbert

03/01/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

By: /s/ Michael D. Luce

03/01/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) These securities are owned by Harbert Distressed Investment Master Fund, Ltd., which is a Reporting Person.

These securities may be deemed to be beneficially owned by HMC Distressed Investment Offshore Manager, L.L.C. ("HMC Management"), the investment manager of Harbert Distressed Investment Master Fund, Ltd., HMC Investors, L.L.C., its managing member ("HMC Investors"), Philip Falcone, a member of HMC Management and the portfolio manager of Harbert Distressed Investment

(2) Master Fund, Ltd., Raymond J. Harbert, a member of HMC Investors, and Michael D. Luce, a member of HMC Investors. Each such Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that such Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.

These securities may be deemed to be beneficially owned by HMC Investors, Philip Falcone, who is the portfolio manager of Alpha US Sub Fund VI, LLC, Raymond J. Harbert and Michael D. Luce. Each such Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the

(3) reported securities except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that such Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of the securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.

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