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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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 Candlewood Investment

Group, LP

(Last)

(First)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

07/01/2015

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Pacific Ethanol, Inc. [PEIX]

555 THEODORE FREMD

AVE. SUITE C-303

(Street)

(Middle)

Person(s) to Issuer

4. Relationship of Reporting

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

07/13/2015

(Check all applicable)

Director Officer

__X__ 10% Owner Other (give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

RYE, NYÂ 10580

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

(Zip)

2. Amount of Securities

Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

3. Ownership

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership Form: (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

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)

Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying **Derivative Security**

4. 5. Conversion or Exercise

6. Nature of Indirect Ownership Beneficial Ownership Form of (Instr. 5)

(Instr. 4)

Expiration Title Amount or Date Number of Exercisable Date

Price of Derivative Security

Derivative Security: Direct (D)

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Shares or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)

Non-Voting Common Stock (1)

 $\hat{A} \stackrel{(2)}{=} \hat{A} \stackrel{(2)}{=} \frac{Common}{Stock}$

3,539,284.4 \$ (2)

I See footnote $\underline{^{(3)}}$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address
Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Candlewood Investment Group, LP 555 THEODORE FREMD AVE SUITE C-303 RYE, NYÂ 10580

X Â Â

Signatures

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

07/15/2015

**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 Non-Voting Common Stock were omitted from the Reporting Person's original Form 3.
 - The Non-Voting Common Stock are convertible on a one-for-one basis into Common Stock. However, the Reporting Person cannot convert the securities if it and any of its affiliates would, after such conversion, beneficially own greater than 9.99% of the Common Stock. The Reporting Person's current beneficial ownership of the Common Stock exceeds 9.99%, and accordingly, it cannot currently
- convert any of the Non-Voting Common Stock. At any time when a share of Non-Voting Common Stock is not owned by the Reporting Person or another Initial Holder (as defined below) or their respective affiliates, such share of Non-Voting Common Stock shall automatically convert into one share of Common Stock. "Initial Holder" means any person who received shares of Non-Voting Common Stock at the time of the closing of the merger between Pacific Ethanol, Inc. and Aventine Renewable Energy Holdings, Inc. The right to convert Non-Voting Common Stock into Common Stock does not expire.
- The Non-Voting Common Stock are held by investment funds for which Candlewood Investment Group, LP serves as the investment (3) manager. Candlewood Investment Group, LP disclaims pecuniary interest in the reported securities except to the extent of its economic interest.

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