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SUBJECT COMPANY

GRANT GEOPHYSICAL INC

CIK: **866722** | IRS No.: **840766570** | State of Incorporation: **DE** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
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SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 14)*

GRANT GEOPHYSICAL, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

\$2.4375 Convertible Preferred Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

388085201

(CUSIP Number)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

December 20, 1996

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition which is the subject of this

Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(b)(3) or (4), check the following box .

Check the following box if a fee is being paid with the statement . (A fee is not required only if the reporting person: (1) has a previous statement on file reporting beneficial ownership of more than five percent of the class of securities described in Item 1; and (2) has filed no amendment subsequent thereto reporting beneficial ownership of five percent or less of such class.) (See Rule 13d-7.)

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*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Elliott Associates, L.P., a Delaware Limited Partnership

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CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a)

(b)

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SEC USE ONLY

4
SOURCE OF FUNDS*

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5
CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2 (d)
or 2 (e)

6
CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY

EACH

REPORTING

PERSON

WITH

7
SOLE VOTING POWER

697,614

8
SHARED VOTING POWER

0

9
SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

697,614

10
SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

11
AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

697,614

12

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

13

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

30.33%

14

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Westgate International, L.P., a Cayman Islands Limited

Partnership

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(b)

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SEC USE ONLY

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SOURCE OF FUNDS*

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Cayman Islands, British West Indies

NUMBER OF

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY

EACH

REPORTING

PERSON

WITH

7

SOLE VOTING POWER

0

8

SHARED VOTING POWER

0

9

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

10

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

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AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

0

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

0%

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SEC USE ONLY

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SOURCE OF FUNDS*

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or 2 (e)

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY

EACH

REPORTING

PERSON

WITH

7

SOLE VOTING POWER

0

8

SHARED VOTING POWER

0

9

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

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SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

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AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

0

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

0%

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TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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(INCLUDING EXHIBITS) OF THE SCHEDULE, AND THE SIGNATURE ATTESTATION.

This statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-2(a) with respect to securities beneficially owned by the reporting persons specified herein as of December 27, 1996 and amends the information provided in the Schedule 13D, as amended (the "Schedule 13D"), previously filed with respect to

securities beneficially owned by the reporting persons as of November 18, 1996.

Except as set forth herein, the Schedule 13D is restated in its entirety.

ITEM 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

The source and amount of funds used by Elliott in making purchases of the Preferred Stock beneficially owned by it are set forth below.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

AMOUNT OF FUNDS

Margin accounts maintained at Merrill, Lynch, Fenner & Smith and Broadcort Capital Corp.

\$5,002,197.10

ITEM 4. Purpose of Transaction

As a result of Westgate's no longer owning any shares of equity securities of the Issuer, the group comprised of the reporting persons was terminated on December 20, 1996.

Elliott acquired the Preferred Stock beneficially owned by it in

the ordinary course of its trade or business of purchasing, selling, trading and investing in securities.

Depending upon market conditions and other factors that it may deem material, Elliott may purchase additional Preferred Stock or may dispose of all or a portion of the Preferred Stock that it now beneficially owns or may hereafter acquire.

Elliott has no plans or proposals which relate to or would result in any of the actions set forth in subparagraphs (a) through (j) of Item 4.

ITEM 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

(a) Elliott beneficially owns 697,614 shares of Preferred Stock, representing 30.33% of the class of Preferred Stock.

Westgate beneficially owns no shares of Preferred Stock.

(b) Elliott has the power to vote or direct the vote of, and to dispose or direct the disposition of, the Preferred Stock beneficially owned by it.

(c) On December 20, 1996, Elliott purchased from Westgate, and Westgate sold to Elliott, 282,050 shares of Preferred Stock at a purchase price of \$.625 per share in a privately negotiated transaction in New York.

(d) No person other than Elliott has the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the shares of Preferred Stock owned by Elliott.

(e) Each of Westgate and Martley ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than 5% of a class of the Issuer's equity securities on December 20, 1996.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of its knowledge and belief, the undersigned each certifies that the information with respect to it set forth in this statement is true, complete, and correct.

Dated: December 27, 1996

ELLIOTT ASSOCIATES, L.P.

By:
Paul E. Singer, General Partner

WESTGATE INTERNATIONAL, L.P.

By: Martley International, Inc., as
Investment Manager

By:
Paul E. Singer, President

MARTLEY INTERNATIONAL, INC.

By:
Paul E. Singer, President