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REPORTING OWNER

Gill Simon Kester John

CIK: **1290222**

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ISSUER

CHAPARRAL RESOURCES INC

CIK: **19252** | IRS No.: **840630863** | State of Incorporation: **DE** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
SIC: **1311** Crude petroleum & natural gas

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>Gill Simon Kester John</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O COMMONWEALTH & BRITISH SERVICES, 19 BERKELEY STREET, 7TH FLOOR (Street) LONDON, X0 W1J 8ED (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 05/17/2004	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CHAPARRAL RESOURCES INC [CHAR]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Chief Executive Officer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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)
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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)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Signatures

Simon Kester John Gill
 ** Signature of Reporting Person

05/17/2004
 Date

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

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