Cusip No. 76680V108 Schedule 13D/A

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13D/A Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 11)\*

# RING ENERGY, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

# COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$0.001 PER SHARE

(Title of Class of Securities)

## 76680V108

(CUSIP Number)

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

## **September 14, 2021**

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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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 PERSONS
1	Simon G. Kukes
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP  (a) $\boxtimes$
2	(a) <u>(b)</u> (b)
,	SEC USE ONLY
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4	SOURCE OF FUNDS
•	PF
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) or 2(e)□
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6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
U	United States Citizen

NUMBER OF	7	SOLE VOTING POWER 5,300,000 shares of Common Stock	
SHARES BENEFICIALLY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER -0-	
OWNED BY EACH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 5,300,000 shares of Common Stock	
REPORTING PERSON WITH	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER -0-	

11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
	5,300,000 shares of Common Stock
- 12	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES $\Box$
12	Not applicable.
	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
13	5.3% of the Issuer's outstanding Common Stock(1)
	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
14	IN

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on the number of outstanding shares of Common Stock set forth on the cover page of the Issuer's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2021, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 9, 2021.

	NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS
1	INAME OF REPORTING PERSONS
1	J. Douglas Schick
	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP
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	SEC USE ONLY
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4	SOURCE OF FUNDS
4	PF
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	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
6	White teachers
	United States Citizen

NUMBER OF	7	SOLE VOTING POWER 7,500 shares of Common Stock	
SHARES BENEFICIALLY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER -0-	
OWNED BY EACH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 7,500 shares of Common Stock	
REPORTING PERSON WITH	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER -0-	

11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
11	7,500 shares of Common Stock
12	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES $\square$
12	Not Applicable
12	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
13	*% of the Issuer's outstanding Common Stock (1)
	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
14	IN

<sup>\*</sup> Less than 0.1%

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on the number of outstanding shares of Common Stock set forth on the cover page of the Issuer's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2021, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 9, 2021.

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This Amendment No. 11 (the "Amendment") amends and supplements the Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on October 21, 2019, by Simon G. Kukes, Mr. John J. Scelfo (no longer a member of the Reporting Group), Ivar Siem (no longer a member of the Reporting Group), and J. Douglas Schick, as amended by Amendment No. 1 thereto filed on February 18, 2020 ("Amendment No. 1"), Amendment No. 2 thereto filed on March 2, 2020 ("Amendment No. 3"), Amendment No. 4 thereto filed on November 10, 2020 ("Amendment No. 5"), Amendment No. 5 thereto filed on November 19, 2020 ("Amendment No. 5"), Amendment No. 6 thereto filed on December 2, 2020 ("Amendment No. 6"), Amendment No. 7 thereto filed on December 10, 2020 ("Amendment No. 7"), Amendment No. 8 thereto filed on December 17, 2020 ("Amendment No. 9"), amendment No. 9 thereto filed on January 28, 2021 ("Amendment No. 9"), and Amendment No. 10 thereto filed on April 1, 2021 ("Amendment No. 10", and the Schedule 13D, as amended to date, the "Schedule 13D").

As used in this Amendment:

- "Common Stock" means the common stock of the Issuer:
- "Issuer" means Ring Energy,
  - Inc.;
- "Reporting Persons" means Simon G. Kukes and J. Douglas Schick;
- "Shares" means the aggregate of 5,307,500 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons

Other capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined in this Amendment have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Schedule 13D. Except as expressly amended and supplemented by this Amendment, the Schedule 13D is not amended or supplemented in any respect, and the disclosures set forth in the Schedule 13D, other than as amended herein are incorporated by reference herein.

#### Item 3. Source of Amount of Funds or Other Compensation

Item 3 is hereby amended and modified as follows:

The Reporting Persons beneficially own an aggregate of 5,307,500 shares of Common Stock (the <u>Shares</u>"), all of which were purchased by the Reporting Persons in open market transactions, for an aggregate of approximately \$12.4 million.

The source of funding for the purchase of the Common Stock held by the Reporting Persons was the personal funds of the respective purchasers.

#### Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

Item 4 is amended and restated in its entirety by the following:

On March 2, 2020, the Reporting Persons issued a press release, a copy of which is incorporated by reference herein as Exhibit 99.2 hereto, which included a letter to the Board of Directors of the Issuer. The full text of the press release is incorporated into this Item 4 by reference.

On August 10, 2020, the Reporting Persons delivered another letter to the Board of Directors of the Issuer (the 'Letter'). Pursuant to the Letter, in accordance with the provisions of the Issuer's Bylaws (and not pursuant to the SEC's Rule 14a-8) they nominated more than a dozen individuals as candidates for the board of the Issuer (the "Board").

The Reporting Persons believe that in the past there may have been failures of corporate governance by the Board of the Issuer and that these failures may have contributed to the catastrophic fall in the Issuer's stock price.

The Reporting Persons seek to improve the quality of the Issuer's Board. The Reporting Persons believe that a newly reconstituted Board that includes some of their nominees will better serve the interests of all of the Issuer's shareholders.

The Reporting Persons sought to avoid an expensive and distracting proxy contest. For this reason, the Reporting Persons were prepared to reach a reasonable compromise with the incumbent Board.

On November 10, 2020, the Reporting Persons filed a press release calling upon their fellow shareholders to withhold votes on all members of the Issuer's Board of Directors in the upcoming election and to encourage the proxy advisory firms to do a detailed investigation of the incumbent Board members. The full text of the November 10, 2020 press release is incorporated by reference herein as Exhibit 99.3 and incorporated in this Item 4 by reference.

On November 19, 2020, the Reporting Persons filed another press release calling upon their fellow shareholders to withhold votes on all members of the Issuer's Board of Directors in the upcoming election and to encourage the proxy advisory firms to do a detailed investigation of the incumbent Board members. The full text of the November 19, 2020 press release is incorporated by reference herein as Exhibit 99.4 and incorporated in this Item 4 by reference.

On December 2, 2020, the Reporting Persons filed another press release calling upon their fellow shareholders to withhold votes on all members of the Issuer's Board of Directors in the upcoming election and raising certain concerns regarding the qualifications and compensation of the Issuer's Chief Executive Officer. The full text of the December 2, 2020 press release is incorporated by reference herein as <a href="Exhibit 99.5"><u>Exhibit 99.5</u></a> and incorporated in this <a href="Itseu-4"><u>Item 4</u></a> by reference.

On December 10, 2020, the Reporting Persons filed another press release noting that they believe that the slate of directors that are listed in the proxy mailed out by the Issuer do not represent the best interests of all shareholders, urging their fellow shareholders to withhold votes on all members of the Issuer's Board of Directors in the upcoming election and raising certain concerns regarding conflicts of interest between board members. The full text of the December 10, 2020 press release is incorporated by reference herein as Exhibit 99.6 and incorporated in this Item 4 by reference.

On December 17, 2020, the Reporting Persons filed another press release noting that they believe the lack of support shown by the shareholders of the Issuer at its December 15, 2020 Annual Meeting shows the Board of Directors of the Issuer needs to make changes as they no longer represent the best interests of all shareholders, and that they continue to be concerned with the Board's poor performance, conflicts of interest and potential violations of fiduciary duties and disclosure obligations. The Reporting Persons also called upon each individual shareholder and institutional shareholder of the Issuer to examine the actions of the Board with regard to the appointment and compensation of its new CEO and the sale of shares in October 2020, and to also examine all of the other potential distractions that the Board may face, and examine potential serious fiduciary duty issues and conflicts of interest that the Board may have; and further called for the incumbent Board of the Issuer to heed the voice of its shareholders and promptly add shareholder representatives to the Board in an effort to improve the overall quality of corporate governance and help drive shareholder returns. The full text of the December 17, 2020 press release is incorporated by reference herein as Exhibit 99.7 and incorporated in this Item 4 by reference.

On April 1, 2021, the Reporting Persons filed another press release noting that they are generally encouraged by the Issuer's actions over the past year which follows the guidance laid out in the Reporting Persons' March 2, 2020 letter to the Board of Directors of the Issuer, which provided explicit recommendations to strengthen the Issuer in the near-term such as: (1) reconstitute the Board of Directors to address entrenchment, inter-relation among directors, and lack of fresh perspective and opinion on the Board; (2) consolidate office locations and management to a central location to save G&A and allow for constructive interaction; (3) focus investment on core assets, divest non-core assets when the market recovers; (4) build management credibility with focus on investor relations and public communications strategy; and (5) engage major market independent audit firm to enhance Company credibility and accountability. The Reporting Persons went on to clarify that they are not interested at this time in nominating Board members or presenting proposals to the Issuer; however, they will continue to actively monitor the Issuer, including its corporate governance and continued execution of its turnaround plan and continue to implore management and the Board to pay down debt and seek an eventual deleveraging transaction. The full text of the April 1, 2021 press release is incorporated by reference herein as Exhibit 99.8 and incorporated in this Item 4 by reference.

The Reporting Persons continue to believe that the Issuer has tremendous value and that if the Issuer is run appropriately, the Issuer's earnings will grow and the Issuer's stock price will rise.

The Reporting Persons are hopeful that the Board of the Issuer will deliver on the Issuer's potential.

In order to better understand the views of other stockholders of the Issuer, the Reporting Persons have in the past, and in the future may, reach out to other stockholders of the Issuer via phone and other means. These calls have been and are expected to continue to be, informational only, and no group has been formed and there is no expectation that any group will be formed with any other stockholder now or in the future, as a result of such calls/correspondence, or otherwise.

The Reporting Persons acquired the Shares in the belief that the Shares were undervalued. The Reporting Persons have spoken to, and intend to continue to speak with, representatives of the Issuer's Board and management to discuss enhancing shareholder value and the potential for undertaking transactions which the Reporting Persons believe will be beneficial to stockholders of the Issuer as outlined in the prior press releases described above and attached hereto or incorporated herein by reference.

The Reporting Persons are considering all of their options, and while they have no present plan to do so (except as otherwise disclosed in this tem 4), they reserve the right and are considering whether to propose other transactions which relate to or would result in one or more of the actions specified in clauses (a) through (f) or (j) (as relates to (a) through (f)) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D (except as discussed above, in connection with a prior proposed change in the present board of directors and management of the Issuer, and which may in the future include proposals to change the number or term of directors or to fill vacancies on the Board). The Reporting persons have no present plan to propose any transaction which relates or would result in one or more of the actions specified in clauses (g) through (i) or (j) (as relates to (g) through (ii)) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D.

The Reporting Persons may, from time to time and at any time: (i) acquire additional Shares and/or other equity, debt, notes, instruments or other securities of the Issuer, including puts or calls, and/or its affiliates (collectively, "Securities") in the open market or otherwise; (ii) dispose of any or all of their Securities in the open market or otherwise (including, but not limited to, by selling puts or calls); or (iii) engage in any hedging or similar transactions with respect to the Securities (including, but not limited to, by buying or selling puts or calls in the open market).

#### Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

Item 5 is amended and restated in its entirety by the following:

- (a) As of the close of business on September 17, 2021, the Reporting Persons together beneficially own in aggregate 5,307,500 shares of Common Stock representing 5.3% of the 99,351,145 shares of the Issuer's issued and outstanding Common Stock, based on the number of outstanding shares of Common Stock set forth on the cover page of the Issuer's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2021, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 9, 2021.
- (b)Mr. Kukes has the sole power to vote and dispose of 5,300,000 shares of Common Stock reported in this Schedule 13D beneficially owned by Mr. Kukes; and Mr. Schick has the sole power to vote and dispose of 7,500 shares of Common Stock reported in this Schedule 13D beneficially owned by Schick
- (c)The following table sets forth all transactions with respect to Shares effected during the past sixty (60) days by any of the Reporting Persons. All transactions represent the purchases, or sales, as applicable, of Shares or derivative securities (as discussed below) in open market transactions.

## Transactions in Common Stock by Simon Kukes

			Average Price Per Share
Acquisition or Disposition of Shares	Date of Transaction	Amount of Securities Acquired	(\$)
Acquisition(1)	7/16/2021	1,140,000	\$2.78
Disposition	9/13/2021	790,000	\$2.53
Disposition	9/14/2021	1,500,000	\$2.48

(1) Acquisitions were in connection with 1,140 "put" contracts sold by Mr. Kukes which were exercised by the holders on July 16, 2021. Average Price Per Share represents the purchase price after netting the value of the "put" contract sold.

## Transactions in Put Options by Simon Kukes in the Open Market

				Contract Quantity				
Date	Transaction	Transaction Strike P		Expiration Date	(underlying shares in100s)	P	rice per Put	
8/24/2021	Sell Puts	\$	2.00	10/15/2021	(2,500)	\$	0.198	
9/14/2021	Sell Puts	\$	2.50	10/15/2021	(2,000)	\$	0.308	
9/14/2021	Sell Puts	\$	2.50	12/17/2021	(3,000)	\$	0.533	
9/14/2021	Sell Puts	\$	3.00	12/17/2021	(2,000)	\$	0.760	

(d)No other person has the right to receive or the power to vote or to direct the vote, or to dispose or direct the disposition, of sale of the securities beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons as described in Item 5(a), above.

(e)N/A.

## Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships With Respect to Securities of the Issuer

Item 6 is hereby amended and supplemented by adding the following at the end thereof:

The information set forth or incorporated in Item 3 and Item 5 is incorporated by reference in its entirety into this Item 6.

As described in greater detail above under Item 5(c) (which information is incorporated by reference into this Item 6), Mr. Kukes has sold certain exchange-traded puts and calls.

The put options do not give any of the Reporting Persons direct or indirect voting, investment or dispositive control over any shares of Common Stock, unless and until exercised by the holder of such put options. Accordingly, the Reporting Persons disclaim any beneficial ownership in any shares of Common Stock that underlie such put options.

The call options do not give any of the Reporting Persons direct or indirect voting, investment or dispositive control over any shares of Common Stock, unless and until exercised by the applicable Reporting Persons of such call options. Accordingly, the shares of Common Stock subject to the call options have been included in the beneficial ownership of the Reporting Persons.

# Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits

Item 7 is amended and restated in its entirety by the following:

## Exhibit

99.1	Joint Filing Agreement by and among Mr. Simon G. Kukes and Mr. J. Douglas Schick dated August 12, 2020 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to
	Amendment No. 3 filed on August 12, 2020)
<u>99.2</u>	Press Release dated March 2, 2020 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to Amendment No. 2 filed on March 2, 2020)
99.3	Press Release dated November 10, 2020 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.3 to Amendment No. 4 filed on November 10, 2020)
<u>99.4</u>	Press Release dated November 19, 2020 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.4 to Amendment No. 5 filed on November 19, 2020)
<u>99.5</u>	Press Release dated December 2, 2020 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.5 to Amendment No. 6 filed on December 2, 2020)
<u>99.6</u>	Press Release dated December 10, 2020 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.6 to Amendment No. 7 filed on December 2, 2020)
<u>99.7</u>	Press Release dated December 17, 2020 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.7 to Amendment No. 8 filed on December 17, 2020)
99.8	Press Release dated April 1, 2021 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.8 to Amendment No. 10 filed on April 1, 2021)

# <u>Signatures</u>

After reasonable	inquiry and to	o the best of my	knowledge and bel	ef, each of	the undersigned	certifies that	the information	set forth in thi	is statement	is true,	complete and
correct.											

Dated: September 17, 2021

/s/ Simon G. Kukes Simon G. Kukes

Dated: September 17, 2021

J. Douglas Schick
J. Douglas Schick