

WATSON ROBERT L G
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 WATSON ROBERT L G

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORP
 [AXAS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 18803 MEISNER DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/15/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 President/CEO

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78258

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	03/15/2011		A		3,696	A	\$ 4.72
					1,166,631	D	

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 4.72	03/15/2010		A	60,000	03/15/2012 ⁽¹⁾	03/15/2021	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	60,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 2.09					03/16/2011	03/16/2020	Abraxas Common Stock	90,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 0.99					03/17/2010	03/17/2019	Abraxas Common Stock	125,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 1.75					10/05/2010	10/05/2019	Abraxas Common Stock	267,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 3.6					08/28/2011	08/28/2017	Abraxas Common Stock	41,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 4.59					09/13/2009	09/13/2015	Abraxas Common Stock	100,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 0.65					11/22/2006	11/22/2012	Abraxas Common Stock	90,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 2.21					09/17/2005	09/17/2011	Abraxas Common Stock	6,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 0.66					09/17/2005	09/17/2011	Abraxas Common Stock	6,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 0.66					03/23/2005	03/23/2011	Abraxas Common Stock	14,000
Employee Stock	\$ 4.83					03/23/2005	03/23/2011	Abraxas Common	14,000

Option				Stock	
Employee				Abraxas	
Stock	\$ 4.83	03/23/2005	03/23/2011	Common	15,
Option				Stock	
Employee				Abraxas	
Stock	\$ 0.66	03/23/2005	03/23/2011	Common	15,
Option				Stock	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WATSON ROBERT L G 18803 MEISNER DRIVE SAN ANTONIO, TX 78258			President/CEO	

Signatures

Robert L.G. Watson	03/18/2011
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(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) Options vest 25% per year beginning one year from grant date.

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