

Backsen Lee B
Form 4
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
Backsen Lee B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CRIMSON EXPLORATION INC.
[CXPO.OB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/25/2009

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

C/O CRIMSON EXPLORATION INC., 717 TEXAS AVE., SUITE 2900

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

HOUSTON, TX 77002

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 | | | |
| Common Stock (1) (2) | 03/25/2009 | | A | 11,204 A \$ 0 | 16,587 | 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)

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| 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu... Deriv... Secur... Bene... Own... Follo... Repo... Trans... (Instr... |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code V (A) (D) | | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Number of Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Backsen Lee B
C/O CRIMSON EXPLORATION INC.
717 TEXAS AVE., SUITE 2900
HOUSTON, TX 77002

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Signatures

Stephen W.
Schoppe

03/26/2009

**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) The reported shares will become vested on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

The reported shares are restricted shares that vest on March 25, 2010 and were issued pursuant to the Company's revised Director

(2) Compensation plan approved on November 21, 2008, and is designed to make the compensation paid the Company's directors more competitive with compensation paid to the directors of the Company's peer group companies.

Remarks:

This Form has been signed by Stephen W. Schoppe, Acting Secretary of Crimson Exploration Inc., on behalf of Mr. Backsen, pursuant to an instrument of power of attorney, dated September 5, 2006. The authority granted pursuant to such instrument is to remain in full force and effect until rescinded in writing by Mr. Backsen.

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