

ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORP

Form 4

October 02, 2006

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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*See* Instruction  
1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
500 N LOOP 1604 E  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/02/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)  
CEO/President

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78232

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

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

(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	(A) or (D)	Price
Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	10/02/2006		P		3,000	A	\$ 3.12
					642,695	D	

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option	(1)							(2)	(3)	Abraxas Common Stock	723,713	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
WATSON ROBERT L G 500 N LOOP 1604 E SAN ANTONIO, TX 78232	CEO/President

## Signatures

Robert L.G.  
Watson 10/02/2006

\_\_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) Conversion prices range from \$0.66 to \$4.83
- (2) Options are exercisable at various dates through 9/13/2006
- (3) Options expire at various dates from 11/20/2006 through 9/13/2015

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