

WATSON ROBERT L G
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FORM 4

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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)
11/19/2012

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

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78258

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

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(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or Price (D) | | |
| Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | 11/19/2012 | | M | | 90,000 A \$ 0.65 | 1,304,944 | D |
| Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | | | | | | 35,524 | I 401-K |

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount Number Shares |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 0.65 | 11/19/2012 | | M | 90,000 | 11/22/2006 11/22/2012 | Abraxas Common Stock 90,000 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 3.74 | | | | | 03/08/2013 03/08/2022 | Abraxas Common Stock 20,000 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 4.72 | | | | | 03/15/2012 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 | \$ 1.75 | | | | | 10/05/2010 10/05/2019 | Abraxas Common Stock 267,700 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 0.99 | | | | | 03/17/2010 03/17/2019 | Abraxas Common Stock 125,000 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 3.6 | | | | | 08/28/2011 08/28/2017 | Abraxas Common Stock 41,620 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 4.59 | | | | | 09/13/2009 09/13/2015 | Abraxas Common Stock 100,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WATSON ROBERT L G
18803 MEISNER DRIVE
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78258

President/CEO

Signatures

Robert L.G.
Watson

11/21/2012

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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