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November 26, 2002

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report
November 26, 2002

Abraxas Petroleum Corporation
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada
(State of other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-19118
(Commission File Number)

74-2584033
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

500 N. Loop 1604 East, Suite 100
San Antonio, Texas 78232
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:
210-490-4788

Item 5. OTHER EVENTS

See attached Press Release

The following exhibits are filed as part of this report:

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99.1

Press release dated November 26, 2002

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirement of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORPORATION

By: _____
Chris Williford
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial
Officer and Treasurer

Dated: November 26, 2002

Exhibit 99.1

NEWS RELEASE

ABRAXAS TO SELL CANADIAN ASSETS WITH PROCEEDS TO REDUCE DEBT

SAN ANTONIO, TX (November 26, 2002) - Abraxas Petroleum Corporation (AMEX:ABP) today announced that it and its wholly-owned Canadian subsidiaries, Canadian Abraxas Petroleum Limited and Grey Wolf Exploration Inc., have entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with a Canadian royalty trust to sell certain reserves and associated gas processing plants in western Canada for approximately \$138 million, subject to closing adjustments. Closing is expected in 30-60 days with net proceeds to be used to reduce the Company's debt.

This transaction represents approximately 60 Bcfe of net proved reserves and current production of 4,500 Boepd which equates to a purchase price of \$2.30 per Mcfe and over \$30,000 per Boepd. Additionally, it represents a 7.0x multiple of EBITDA based on annualizing actual results for the first nine months of 2002. Abraxas will retain some production and most of its undeveloped acreage in Canada, including all of its interests in the Ladyfern area. Subsequent to the sale, portions of this undeveloped acreage may be developed with the buyer under a proposed farmout arrangement.

CEO Bob Watson commented, "This monetization of a portion of our Canadian assets, on attractive terms, will allow Abraxas to continue progress on the previously stated goal of reducing our debt and improving our balance sheet. Our ability to realize this kind of value in the sale is clearly indicative of the quality assets Abraxas has been able to accumulate. We are continuing to explore various alternatives to reduce our debt including further asset sales, negotiating the restructuring and/or refinancing of existing debt, exchanging debt for equity, issuing additional debt or equity securities or otherwise raising additional funds."

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CIBC World Markets and BMO Nesbitt Burns acted as co-lead financial advisors to the Company in connection with this transaction.

Abraxas Petroleum Corporation is a San Antonio-based crude oil and natural gas exploitation and production company that also processes natural gas. The Company operates in Texas, Wyoming and western Canada. Please visit www.abraxaspetroleum.com for the most current and updated information. The web site is updated daily to comply with the SEC Regulation FD (Fair Disclosure).

Safe Harbor for forward-looking statement: Statements in this release looking forward in time involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties, which may cause the Company's actual results in future periods to be materially different from any future performance suggested in this release. Such factors may include, but may not be necessarily limited to, changes in the prices received by the Company for crude oil and natural gas. In addition, the Company's future crude oil and natural gas production is highly dependent upon the Company's level of success in acquiring or finding additional reserves. Further, the Company operates in an industry sector where the value of securities is highly volatile and may be influenced by economic and other factors beyond the Company's control. In the context of forward-looking information provided for in this release, reference is made to the discussion of risk factors detailed in the Company's filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission during the past 12 months.

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