

WHITING PETROLEUM CORP
Form SC 13G
December 08, 2016

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

SCHEDULE 13G
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

WHITING PETROLEUM CORPORATION

(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$0.001 PER SHARE

(Title of Class of Securities)

966387102

(CUSIP Number)

DECEMBER 1, 2016

(Date of event which requires filing of this statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

☐ Rule 13d-1(b)

☐ Rule 13d-1(c)

☐ Rule 13d-1(d)

The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the notes).

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

Integrated Core Strategies (US) LLC

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CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

- (a) ☐ o
(b) ☐ p

3

SEC USE ONLY

4

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY
EACH
REPORTING
PERSON WITH

5

SOLE VOTING POWER

-0-

6

SHARED VOTING POWER

6,746,059

7

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

-0-

8

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

6,746,059

9

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

6,746,059

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

o11

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

2.4%

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS	
Cognizant Holdings, Ltd.	
2	
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(a) ☐	
(b) ☐	
3	
SEC USE ONLY	
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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
Cayman Islands	
	NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH
5	
SOLE VOTING POWER	
-0-	
6	
SHARED VOTING POWER	
5,355,059	
7	
SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
-0-	
8	
SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	
5,355,059	
9	
AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	
5,355,059	
10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES	
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11	
PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)	
1.9%	

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS	
Integrated Assets, Ltd.	
2	
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(a) ☐	
(b) ☐	
3	
SEC USE ONLY	
4	
CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
Cayman Islands	
	NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH
5	
SOLE VOTING POWER	
-0-	
6	
SHARED VOTING POWER	
1,260,806	
7	
SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
-0-	
8	
SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	
1,260,806	
9	
AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	
1,260,806	
10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES	
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11	
PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)	

0.4%

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1 NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS	ICS Opportunities, Ltd.
2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) ☐ o (b) ☐ p	
3 SEC USE ONLY	
4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	Cayman Islands
	NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH
5 SOLE VOTING POWER	-0-
6 SHARED VOTING POWER	5,860
7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	-0-
8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	5,860
9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	5,860
10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES	
☐ 11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)	

0.0%

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Millennium International Management LP	
2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP	
(a) ☐	
(b) ☐	
3 SEC USE ONLY	
4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
Delaware	
	NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH
5 SOLE VOTING POWER	
-0-	
6 SHARED VOTING POWER	
6,621,725	
7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
-0-	
8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	
6,621,725	
9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	
6,621,725	
10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES	
☐ 11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)	
2.3%	

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Millennium International Management GP LLC	
2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP	
(a) ☐	
(b) ☐	
3 SEC USE ONLY	
4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
Delaware	
	NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH
5 SOLE VOTING POWER	
-0-	
6 SHARED VOTING POWER	
6,621,725	
7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
-0-	
8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	
6,621,725	
9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	
6,621,725	
10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES	
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2.3%	

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Millennium Management LLC	
2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP	
(a) ☐	
(b) ☐	
3 SEC USE ONLY	
4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
Delaware	
	NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH
5 SOLE VOTING POWER	
-0-	
6 SHARED VOTING POWER	
13,367,784	
7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
-0-	
8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	
13,367,784	
9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	
13,367,784	
10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES	
☐ 11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)	
4.7%	

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS	
Israel A. Englander	
2	
CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP	
(a) ☐	
(b) ☐	
3	
SEC USE ONLY	
4	
CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
United States	
	NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH
5	
SOLE VOTING POWER	
-0-	
6	
SHARED VOTING POWER	
13,367,784	
7	
SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
-0-	
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SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	
13,367,784	
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AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	
13,367,784	
10	
CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES	
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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

4.7%

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Item 1.

(a)Name of Issuer:

Whiting Petroleum Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer").

(b)Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

1700 Broadway, Suite 2300
Denver, Colorado 80290-2300

Item 2.

(a)Name of Person Filing:

(b)Address of Principal Business Office:

(c)Citizenship:

Integrated Core Strategies (US) LLC
c/o Millennium Management LLC
666 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10103
Citizenship: Delaware

Cognizant Holdings, Ltd.
c/o Millennium International Management LP
666 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10103
Citizenship: Cayman Islands

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Integrated Assets, Ltd.
c/o Millennium International Management LP
666 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10103
Citizenship: Cayman Islands

ICS Opportunities, Ltd.
c/o Millennium International Management LP
666 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10103
Citizenship: Cayman Islands

Millennium International Management LP
666 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10103
Citizenship: Delaware

Millennium International Management GP LLC
666 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10103
Citizenship: Delaware

Millennium Management LLC
666 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10103
Citizenship: Delaware

Israel A. Englander
c/o Millennium Management LLC
666 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10103
Citizenship: United States

(d)Title of Class of Securities: common stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("Common Stock")

(e)CUSIP Number: 966387102

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Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b), check whether the person filing is a:

- (a) ☐ Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o);
 - (b) ☐ Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);
 - (c) ☐ Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);
 - (d) ☐ Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8);
 - (e) ☐ An investment adviser in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
 - (f) ☐ An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
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(h) o A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);

(g) o A parent holding company or control person in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);

(i) o A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);

(j) o Group, in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

Item 4. Ownership

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned

As of the close of business on December 1, 2016, the reporting persons beneficially owned an aggregate of 14,349,332 shares or 5.1% of the Issuer's Common Stock outstanding.

However, as of the close of business on December 7, 2016: i) Integrated Core Strategies (US) LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Integrated Core Strategies"), beneficially owned 6,746,059 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock; ii) Cognizant Holdings, Ltd., an exempted limited company organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands ("Cognizant Holdings"), beneficially owned 5,355,059 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock (consisting of 4,306,459 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock and listed options to purchase 1,048,600 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock); iii) Integrated Assets, Ltd., an exempted limited company organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands ("Integrated Assets"), beneficially owned 1,260,806 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock; and iv) ICS Opportunities, Ltd., an exempted limited company organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands ("ICS Opportunities"), beneficially owned 5,860 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock, which collectively represented 13,367,784 shares or 4.7% of the Issuer's Common Stock outstanding.

Millennium International Management LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("Millennium International Management"), is the investment manager to Cognizant Holdings, Integrated Assets and ICS Opportunities and may be deemed to have shared voting control and investment discretion over securities owned by Cognizant Holdings, Integrated Assets and ICS Opportunities.

Millennium International Management GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Millennium International Management GP"), is the general partner of Millennium International Management and may also be deemed to have shared voting control and investment discretion over securities owned by Cognizant Holdings, Integrated Assets and ICS Opportunities.

Millennium Management LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Millennium Management"), is the general partner of the managing member of Integrated Core Strategies and may be deemed to have shared voting control and investment discretion over securities owned by Integrated Core Strategies. Millennium Management is also the general partner of the 100% shareholder of Cognizant Holdings, Integrated Assets and ICS Opportunities and may be deemed to have shared voting control and investment discretion over securities owned by Cognizant Holdings, Integrated Assets and ICS Opportunities.

Israel A. Englander, a United States citizen ("Mr. Englander"), is the managing member of Millennium International Management GP and Millennium Management and may also be deemed to have shared voting control and investment discretion over securities owned by Integrated Core Strategies, Cognizant Holdings, Integrated Assets and ICS Opportunities.

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The foregoing should not be construed in and of itself as an admission by Millennium International Management, Millennium International Management GP, Millennium Management or Mr. Englander as to beneficial ownership of the securities owned by Integrated Core Strategies, Cognizant Holdings, Integrated Assets or ICS Opportunities, as the case may be.

(b) Percent of Class:

As of the close of business on December 7, 2016, Millennium Management and Mr. Englander may be deemed to have beneficially owned 13,367,784 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock or 4.7% of the Issuer's Common Stock outstanding (see Item 4(a) above), which percentage was calculated based on 284,343,983 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of October 14, 2016, as per the Issuer's Form 10-Q dated October 27, 2016.

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(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote

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(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote

13,367,784 (See Item 4(b))

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

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(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

13,367,784 (See Item 4(b))

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following p .

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Not applicable.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

See Exhibit I.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not applicable.

Item 10. Certification

By signing below each of the undersigned certifies that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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Exhibits:

Exhibit I: Joint Filing Agreement, dated as of December 7, 2016, by and among Integrated Core Strategies (US) LLC, Cognizant Holdings, Ltd., Integrated Assets, Ltd., ICS Opportunities, Ltd., Millennium International Management LP, Millennium International Management GP LLC, Millennium Management LLC and Israel A. Englander.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of its knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information with respect to it set forth in this statement is true, complete, and correct.

Dated: December 7, 2016

INTEGRATED CORE STRATEGIES (US) LLC

By: Integrated Holding Group LP,
its Managing Member

By: Millennium Management LLC,
its General Partner

By: /s/ David Nolan
Name: David Nolan
Title: Vice Chairman

COGNIZANT HOLDINGS, LTD.

By: Millennium International Management LP,
its Investment Manager

By: /s/ David Nolan
Name: David Nolan
Title: Vice Chairman

INTEGRATED ASSETS, LTD.

By: Millennium International Management LP,
its Investment Manager

By: /s/David Nolan
Name: David Nolan
Title: Vice Chairman

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ICS OPPORTUNITIES, LTD.

By: Millennium International Management LP,
its Investment Manager

By: /s/David Nolan
Name: David Nolan
Title: Vice Chairman

MILLENNIUM INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT LP

By: /s/David Nolan
Name: David Nolan
Title: Vice Chairman

MILLENNIUM INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT GP LLC

By: /s/David Nolan
Name: David Nolan
Title: Vice Chairman

MILLENNIUM MANAGEMENT LLC

By: /s/David Nolan
Name: David Nolan
Title: Vice Chairman

/s/ Israel A. Englander by David Nolan
pursuant to Power of Attorney filed with
the SEC on June 6, 2005
Israel A. Englander

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EXHIBIT I JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

This will confirm the agreement by and among the undersigned that the Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or about the date hereof with respect to the beneficial ownership by the undersigned of the Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of Whiting Petroleum Corporation, a Delaware corporation, will be filed on behalf of each of the persons and entities named below in accordance with Rule 13d-1(k) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Dated: December 7, 2016

INTEGRATED CORE STRATEGIES (US) LLC

By: Integrated Holding Group LP,
its Managing Member

By: Millennium Management LLC,
its General Partner

By: /s/ David Nolan
Name: David Nolan
Title: Vice Chairman

COGNIZANT HOLDINGS, LTD.

By: Millennium International Management LP,
its Investment Manager

By: /s/ David Nolan
Name: David Nolan
Title: Vice Chairman

INTEGRATED ASSETS, LTD.

By: Millennium International Management LP,
its Investment Manager

By: /s/David Nolan
Name: David Nolan
Title: Vice Chairman

ICS OPPORTUNITIES, LTD.

By: Millennium International Management LP,
its Investment Manager

By: /s/David Nolan
Name: David Nolan
Title: Vice Chairman

MILLENNIUM INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT LP

By: /s/David Nolan
Name: David Nolan
Title: Vice Chairman

MILLENNIUM INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT GP LLC

By: /s/David Nolan
Name: David Nolan
Title: Vice Chairman

MILLENNIUM MANAGEMENT LLC

By: /s/David Nolan
Name: David Nolan
Title: Vice Chairman

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pursuant to Power of Attorney filed with
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Israel A. Englander