

WATSON ROBERT L G
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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)
 03/15/2011

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

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78258

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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
Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	03/15/2011		A		3,696	A	\$ 4.72
					1,166,631	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)

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 4.72	03/15/2010		A	60,000	03/15/2012 ⁽¹⁾ 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	\$ 0.99					03/17/2010 03/17/2019	Abraxas Common Stock 125,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 1.75					10/05/2010 10/05/2019	Abraxas Common Stock 267,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 3.6					08/28/2011 08/28/2017	Abraxas Common Stock 41,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 4.59					09/13/2009 09/13/2015	Abraxas Common Stock 100,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 0.65					11/22/2006 11/22/2012	Abraxas Common Stock 90,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 2.21					09/17/2005 09/17/2011	Abraxas Common Stock 6,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 0.66					09/17/2005 09/17/2011	Abraxas Common Stock 6,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 0.66					03/23/2005 03/23/2011	Abraxas Common Stock 14,000
Employee Stock	\$ 4.83					03/23/2005 03/23/2011	Abraxas Common Stock 14,000

