

ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORP  
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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 \*  
 CARTER HAROLD D

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)  
 05/10/2016

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock				(D)		156,939	
Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock				(D)		42,598	Retirement Account
Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock				(D)		7,577	HBDC

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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 or Number of Shares
Director Stock Option	\$ 1.34	05/10/2016		A	25,000	05/10/2016	05/10/2026	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	25,000
Director Stock Option	\$ 5.38					05/06/2014	05/06/2024	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	12,000
Director Stock Option	\$ 2.9					05/04/2012	05/04/2013	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	12,000
Director Stock Option	\$ 2.39					05/14/2003	05/14/2023	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	12,000
Director Stock Option	\$ 4.13					05/06/2011	05/05/2021	Abraxas Common Stock	10,500
Director Stock Option	\$ 2.36					05/20/2010	05/19/2020	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	10,000
Director Stock Option	\$ 4.5					05/21/2008	05/21/2018	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	10,000

Director Stock Option	\$ 4.32	06/26/2007	06/26/2017	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	10,000
Director Stock Option	\$ 4.51	05/25/2006	05/25/2016	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	10,000
Director Stock Option	\$ 2.75	06/01/2005	06/01/2015	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	10,000
Director Stock Option	\$ 3.66	05/05/2015	05/05/2025	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	25,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CARTER HAROLD D 18803 MEISNER DRIVE SAN ANTONO, TX 78258	X			

## Signatures

Harold D. Carter                      05/16/2016

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*\*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).

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