

BILLINGSLEY LEE T  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
BILLINGSLEY LEE T

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)  
VP - Exploration

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78258

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 (D) Price			
Abraxas Common Stock	03/15/2011		A	1,681 A \$ 4.72	191,656	D	
Abraxas Common Stock					2,500	I	Retirement account
Abraxas Common Stock					26,686	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 30,000	10/15/2011		A	30,000	03/15/2012 <sup>(1)</sup> 03/15/2021	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock 30,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 2.09					03/16/2011 03/16/2020	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock 60,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 1.75					10/05/2010 02/05/2019	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock 66,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 0.99					03/17/2010 03/17/2019	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock 50,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 3.6					08/28/2011 08/28/2017	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock 16,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 4.59					09/13/2009 09/13/2015	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock 50,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 0.68					04/24/2007 04/24/2013	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock 15,000
	\$ 0.65					11/22/2006 11/22/2012	22,000

Employee  
 Stock  
 Option

Abraxas  
 Petroleum  
 Common  
 Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BILLINGSLEY LEE T 18803 MEISNER DRIVE SAN ANTONIO, TX 78258			VP - Exploration	

## Signatures

Lee T.  
 Billingsley                      03/18/2011

           \*\*Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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).
- (1) Options vest 25% per year beginning one year from the grant date.

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