

WATSON ROBERT L G  
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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 \*  
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)  
03/22/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
President/CEO

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  
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	03/22/2011		M	30,000	A \$ 0.66	1,196,631	D
Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	03/22/2011		M	30,000	A \$ 4.83	1,226,631	D
Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	03/22/2011		F	29,096	D \$ 4.98	1,197,535	D

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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 Number Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 0.66	03/22/2011		M	30,000	03/23/2005 03/23/2011	Abraxas Common Stock 30,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 4.83	03/22/2011		M	30,000	03/23/2005 03/23/2011	Abraxas Common Stock 30,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 4.72					03/15/2012 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	\$ 1.75					10/05/2010 10/05/2019	Abraxas Common Stock 267,700
Employee Stock Option	\$ 0.99					03/17/2010 03/17/2019	Abraxas Common Stock 125,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 3.6					08/28/2011 08/28/2017	Abraxas Common Stock 41,620
Employee Stock Option	\$ 0.65					11/22/2006 11/22/2012	Abraxas Common Stock 90,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 4.59					09/13/2009 09/13/2015	Abraxas Common Stock 100,000

Employee Stock Option	\$ 2.21	09/17/2005	09/17/2011	Abraxas Common Stock	6,85
Employee Stock Option	\$ 0.66	09/17/2005	09/17/2011	Abraxas Common Stock	6,85

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WATSON ROBERT L G 18803 MEISNER DRIVE SAN ANTONIO, TX 78258			President/CEO	

## Signatures

Robert L.G.  
Watson

03/24/2011

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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