

CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC  
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 \*  
Straeter Richard H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC [CLR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
P.O. BOX 1032, 302 N. INDEPENDENCE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/17/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President, Eastern Div.

(Street)  
ENID, OK 73702

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) |           |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|-----|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V | Amount  | (D) |   |  |                                   | Price     |
| Common Stock                    | 12/17/2009                           |  | G                              | V | 2,953   | D   | \$ 0  | 48,293 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | D                                 |           |
| Common Stock                    | 12/21/2009                           |  | G                              | V | 1,214   | D   | \$ 0  | 47,079 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | D                                 |           |
| Common Stock                    | 12/22/2009                           |  | S                              |   | 2,400   | D   | \$ 42.9854 <sup>(2)</sup>   | 44,679 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | D                                 |           |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |     |   | 25,751   | I                                 | By Spouse |

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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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                                       |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                              |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                      | Other |
| Straeter Richard H<br>P.O. BOX 1032<br>302 N. INDEPENDENCE<br>ENID, OK 73702 |               |           | Vice President, Eastern Div. |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Donald P. Fischbach, Attorney  
in Fact  
Date: 12/23/2009

\*\*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).
- (1) Includes 7,500 shares of restricted stock which vest on October 5, 2010; 4,000 shares of restricted stock which vest October 5, 2011; and 4,000 shares of restricted stock which vest October 5, 2012.
- (2) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$42.95 to \$43.00. The price reported represents the weighted average transaction price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares transacted at each separate price.

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