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See Instruction

Minton John E Symbol Laredo Petroleum Holdings, Inc. (Check all applicable) [LPI] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 15 W. SIXTH STREET, SUITE 12/19/2011 Sr. V.P. Reservoir Engineering

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1800

(State)

(Zip)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Issuer

TULSA, OK 74119

(City)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Ownership Owned Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Following (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V (D) Price Amount \$0 Common J(1)12/19/2011 104,613 104,613 D (1) Stock

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)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Minton John E			Sr. V.P.					
15 W. SIXTH STREET, SUITE 1800			Reservoir					
TULSA, OK 74119			Engineering					

Signatures

/s/ Kenneth E. Dornblaser, as attorney-in-fact for John E. 12/21/2011 Minton **Signature of Reporting Person

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These shares were received in connection with a corporate reorganization completed prior to the closing of the Issuer's initial public offering described in the prospectus dated December 14, 2011, in which Laredo Petroleum, LLC ("Laredo LLC") merged with the Issuer, with the Issuer being the surviving entity. In accordance with the limited liability company agreement of Laredo LLC, the reporting person received common stock of the Issuer in exchange for his vested and unvested units in Laredo LLC. The number of shares that the

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reporting person received was based on the value that the reporting person would have received under the distribution provisions of the Laredo LLC agreement upon a liquidation of Laredo LLC at a liquidation value determined by reference to the initial offering price. To the extent any such units were subject to vesting requirements, the common stock issued in exchange therefor is also subject to such requirements.

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