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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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See Instruction

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
Laredo Petroleum Holdings, Inc. [LPI]				
3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
12/17/2012	Executive V.P. and CFO			
4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
	Symbol Laredo Petroleum Holdings, Inc. [LPI] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/17/2012 4. If Amendment, Date Original			

(State)

(Zip)

(City)

		Table 1 - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Deficiency Owned							
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities Acqui	ired 5. Amou	nt of 6. Ownership	7. Nature of		
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	on(A) or Disposed of	Securitie Securitie	es Form: Direct	Indirect		
(Instr. 3)		any	Code (D)		Benefici	ally (D) or	Beneficial		
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership		
					Followir	ng (Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)		
				/ A N	Reported	d			
				(A)	Transact	ion(s)			
				or	(Instr. 3	and 4)			
			Code V	Amount (D) P	Price (mstr. 5	,			
Common Stock	12/17/2012		A	$\frac{14,780}{(1)}$ A (1)	52,190	D			

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		ate	7. Title a Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 a	of ng s	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	or Title Nu of	umber		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Buterbaugh Richard C 15 W. SIXTH STREET, SUITE 1800 TULSA, OK 74119

Executive V.P. and CFO

Signatures

/s/ Kenneth E. Dornblaser, as attorney-in-fact for Richard C.

Buterbaugh

12/18/2012

**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) These restricted shares are granted under the Issuer's 2011 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan and will vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary date of the grant.

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