

WATSON ROBERT L G
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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 *
 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)
 04/01/2019

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 President/CEO

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78258

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | 04/01/2019 | | A | | 97,015 | A | \$ 1.34 |
| Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | | | | | 244,603 | 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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|--------------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| Performance-based Restricted Stock Unit | \$ 2.37 | | | | | 04/02/2021 | 04/02/2021 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 0.97 | | | | | 03/15/2017 | 03/15/2026 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 3.16 | | | | | 03/03/2016 | 03/03/2025 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 3.15 | | | | | 03/11/2016 | 03/11/2025 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 2.39 | | | | | 05/14/2014 | 05/14/2023 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 3.74 | | | | | 03/08/2013 | 03/08/2022 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 4.72 | | | | | 03/15/2012 | 03/15/2021 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 2.09 | | | | | 03/16/2011 | 03/16/2020 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock |

| Employee Stock Option | \$ 1.75 | | | | | 10/05/2010 | 10/05/2019 | | | Stock Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock |
|---|---------|------------|--|---|----------------------|------------|------------|--|------------|--|
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 3.6 | | | | | 08/28/2011 | 08/28/2020 | | | Stock Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock |
| Performance-based Restricted Stock Unit | \$ 1.34 | 04/01/2019 | | M | 97,015 <u>(1)</u> | | <u>(2)</u> | | <u>(2)</u> | Stock Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock |

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

04/03/2019

 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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- Each performance-based restricted share represents the right to receive, following vesting, up to 200% of one share of Abraxas Petroleum Corporation common stock. The resulting number of shares of common stock acquired upon vesting of the performance-based restricted shares is contingent upon achievement of pre-established performance metrics, as approved by the Company's Compensation Committee, over a three-year performance period beginning on April 1, 2019 and ending on April 1, 2022.
- (1)
 - (2) Unless earlier forfeited under the terms of the performance-based restricted shares, each performance-based share vest and converts into no more than 200% of one share.

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