

CARTER HAROLD D
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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 *
CARTER HAROLD D

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/22/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

18803 MEISNER DRIVE

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78258

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Abraxas Common Stock	03/22/2012		A		45,000	A	\$ 1.01
Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock					40,598	I	Retirement Account
Abraxas Common Stock					7,577	I	HBDC

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 or Number of Shares
Director Stock Option	\$ 1.01	03/22/2012		M	45,000	09/15/2003	09/15/2013	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	45,000
Director Stock Option	\$ 4.13					05/06/2011	05/05/2021	Abraxas Common Stock	10,500
Director Stock Option	\$ 2.36					05/20/2010	05/19/2020	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	10,000
Director Stock Option	\$ 4.5					05/21/2008	05/21/2018	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	10,000
Director Stock Option	\$ 1.06					05/21/2009	05/21/2019	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	10,000
Director Stock Option	\$ 0.99					03/17/2009	03/17/2019	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	50,000
Director Stock Option	\$ 4.32					06/26/2007	06/26/2017	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	10,000
	\$ 4.51					05/25/2006	05/25/2016		10,000

Director
 Stock
 Option

Abraxas
 Petroleum
 Common
 Stock

Director
 Stock \$ 2.75
 Option

06/01/2005 06/01/2015

Abraxas
 Petroleum
 Common
 Stock

10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CARTER HAROLD D 18803 MEISNER DRIVE SAN ANTONO, TX 78258	X			

Signatures

Harold D. Carter 03/27/2012
 __Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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).

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