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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

Symbol

1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

(Last) (First) (Middle) 1700 BROADWAY, SUITE 2300			WHITING PETROLEUM CORP [WLL]						(Check all applicable)					
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/24/2005						_X_ Director Officer (g below)	0% Owner Other (specify				
(Street)				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person				
	DENVER,	CO 80290								Person	y More than One	Reporting		
	(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially C									
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Executio any	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transac Code (Instr. 8	3)	4. Securities onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price			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)		
	Common Stock	02/24/2005			A		1,500 (1)	A	\$0	55,045	D			
	Common Stock									8,000	I	As sole shareholder of Eureka Oil Company		
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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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transacti	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration D		7. Title Amount		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)		or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(E. Zonal, Day) Toll)	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of	(Month/Day/Year)		Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	ying ies	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
					Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title N	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address 10% Owner Officer Other Director

LADD J B 1700 BROADWAY, SUITE 2300 X DENVER, CO 80290

Signatures

By Bruce R. DeBoer, 02/25/2005 Attorney-in-Fact

**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).
- Grant to reporting person of restricted stock under the Whiting Petroleum Corporation 2003 Equity Incentive Plan, which vests in equal increments over three years.

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