

WENDEL STEPHEN T
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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 *
WENDEL STEPHEN T

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)
10/05/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
VP - Land and Contracts

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78258

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 Petroleum Common Stock | 10/05/2009 | | A | | 28,772 | A | <u>(1)</u> <u>(3)</u> |
| Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | | | | | 90,967 | 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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 1.75 | 10/05/2009 | | A | 66,937 | 10/05/2010 10/05/2019 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock 66,937 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 0.66 | | | | | 03/23/2005 03/23/2011 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock 10,000 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 0.65 | | | | | 11/22/2006 11/22/2016 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock 17,000 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 4.59 | | | | | 09/13/2009 09/13/2019 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock 50,000 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 3.6 | | | | | 08/28/2011 08/28/2017 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock 15,333 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 0.99 | | | | | ⁽⁴⁾ 03/17/2019 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock 50,000 |

Reporting Owners

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

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Signatures

Stephen T.
Wendel

10/08/2009

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).
Received in exchange for 2,500 restricted units and 4,270 phantom units of Abraxas Energy Partners, L.P. in connection with the merger
- (1) of Abraxas Energy Partners, L.P. into Abraxas Merger Sub,LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Abraxas Petroleum Corporation (the "Merger"). On the effective date of the Merger, the closing price of Abraxas Petroleum Corporations' common stock was \$1.75.
 - (2) Received in the Merger in exchange for an employee unit option for 15,750 units of Abraxas Energy Partners, L.P.
 - (3) These securities and options vest over varioius periods.
 - (4) Options vest at 25% per year beginning one year after grant.

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