

ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORP
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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 *
 POWELL PAUL A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORP
 [ABP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 500 N LOOP 1604 E
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/21/2008

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

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78232
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	05/21/2008		A	666 A \$ 4.5	39,741	D	
Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock					14,049	I	JWM Partners
Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock					7,000	I	Westpoint 2002 LP

Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	4,228	I	Mechanical Development Co. Inc.
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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Director Stock Option	\$ 2.06	05/21/2008		A	10,000	05/21/2008 05/21/2018	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
POWELL PAUL A 500 N LOOP 1604 E SAN ANTONIO, TX 78232		X		

Signatures

Paul A. Powell 05/22/2008

**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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