

MAYFIELD ROBERT A
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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 *
 MAYFIELD ROBERT A

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 200 NORTH CANAL STREET
 (Street)

NATCHEZ, MS 391203212

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CALLON PETROLEUM CO [CPE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/21/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/21/2006 | 03/21/2006 | M | V | 8,000 | A | \$ 12 26,577 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/21/2006 | 03/21/2006 | F | V | 6,322 ⁽¹⁾ | D | \$ 20.01 20,255 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/22/2006 | 03/22/2006 | S | V | 875 | D | \$ 19.95 19,380 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/23/2006 | 03/16/2006 | S | V | 803 | D | \$ 19.95 18,577 | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 4,105 ⁽²⁾ | I 401(k) Account |

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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 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 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 12 | 03/21/2006 | 03/21/2006 | M | V | 8,000 | 02/23/1997 08/23/2006 | Common Stock | 8,000 |
| 2004 Performance Shares | \$ 13.71 | | | | | | 05/05/2005 07/14/2014 | Common Stock | 8,800 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 9 | | | | | | 09/05/1999 03/05/2009 | Common Stock | 7,000 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 10.5 | | | | | | 09/23/2000 03/23/2010 | Common Stock | 17,500 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 4.5 | | | | | | 01/13/2003 07/12/2012 | Common Stock | 4,800 |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 3.7 | | | | | | 02/24/2003 08/23/2012 | Common Stock | 3,250 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MAYFIELD ROBERT A 200 NORTH CANAL STREET NATCHEZ, MS 391203212 | | | Corporate Secretary | |

Signatures

/s/ MAYFIELD,
ROBERT A.

03/23/2006

__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).

(1) Represents shares withheld by the issuer to (1) pay federal and state income taxes and (2) payment of stock option exercise price.

The number of shares reported is calculated by dividing the total market value of the reporting person's account balance within the Callon

(2) Petroleum Company Employee Savings and Protection Plan (401(k) Plan) on the day prior to this Form 4 reporting date by the closing market price per share on that day.

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