

WATSON ROBERT L G  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
 Washington, D.C. 20549**

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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 \*  
**WATSON ROBERT L G**

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)  
**05/14/2013**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**President/CEO**

**SAN ANTONIO, TX 78258**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

**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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 2.39	05/14/2013	A	42,000					05/14/2014	05/14/2023	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	42,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 3.74								03/08/2013	03/08/2022	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	20,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 4.72								03/15/2012	03/15/2021	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	60,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 2.09								03/16/2011	03/16/2020	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	90,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 1.75								10/05/2010	10/05/2019	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	267,700
Employee Stock Option	\$ 0.99								03/17/2010	03/17/2019	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	125,000
Employee Stock Option	\$ 3.6								08/28/2011	08/28/2017	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	41,620
Employee Stock Option	\$ 4.59								09/13/2009	09/13/2015	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	100,000

## Reporting Owners

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

WATSON ROBERT L G  
18803 MEISNER DRIVE  
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78258

## Signatures

Robert L.G.  
Watson

05/17/2013

\*\*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).

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