

ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORP
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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 *
 CARTER HAROLD D

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/10/2016

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

18803 MEISNER DRIVE

(Street)

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

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78258

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | Price |
| Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | | | | (D) | 156,939 | D | |
| Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | | | | (D) | 42,598 | I | Retirement Account |
| Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | | | | (D) | 7,577 | I | HBDC |

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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 |
| Director Stock Option | \$ 1.34 | 05/10/2016 | | A | 25,000 | 05/10/2016 05/10/2026 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock 25,000 |
| Director Stock Option | \$ 5.38 | | | | | 05/06/2014 05/06/2024 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock 12,000 |
| Director Stock Option | \$ 2.9 | | | | | 05/04/2012 05/04/2013 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock 12,000 |
| Director Stock Option | \$ 2.39 | | | | | 05/14/2003 05/14/2023 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock 12,000 |
| Director Stock Option | \$ 4.13 | | | | | 05/06/2011 05/05/2021 | Abraxas Common Stock 10,500 |
| Director Stock Option | \$ 2.36 | | | | | 05/20/2010 05/19/2020 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock 10,000 |
| Director Stock Option | \$ 4.5 | | | | | 05/21/2008 05/21/2018 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock 10,000 |

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|-----------------------------|---------|------------|------------|---|--------|
| Director Stock Option | \$ 4.32 | 06/26/2007 | 06/26/2017 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Director Stock Option | \$ 4.51 | 05/25/2006 | 05/25/2016 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Director Stock Option | \$ 2.75 | 06/01/2005 | 06/01/2015 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Director Stock Option | \$ 3.66 | 05/05/2015 | 05/05/2025 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | 25,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| CARTER HAROLD D 18803 MEISNER DRIVE SAN ANTONO, TX 78258 | X | | | |

Signatures

Harold D. Carter 05/16/2016

**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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