

CARTER HAROLD D  
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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)  
03/22/2012

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Abraxas Common Stock	03/22/2012		A		45,000	A	\$ 1.01
Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock					40,598	I	Retirement Account
Abraxas Common Stock					7,577	I	HBDC

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
Director Stock Option	\$ 1.01	03/22/2012		M	45,000	09/15/2003	09/15/2013	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	45,000
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
Director Stock Option	\$ 1.06					05/21/2009	05/21/2019	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	10,000
Director Stock Option	\$ 0.99					03/17/2009	03/17/2019	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	50,000
Director Stock Option	\$ 4.32					06/26/2007	06/26/2017	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	10,000
	\$ 4.51					05/25/2006	05/25/2016		10,000

