

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 *
WENDEL STEPHEN T

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)
08/28/2007

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
VP - Land & Marketing

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | 08/28/2008 | | A | | 5,110 | A | \$ 0 81,672 |
| Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | | | | | | I | 68,859 401(K) Plan |

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 |
| Employee Stock Option | \$ 3.6 | 08/28/2007 | | A | 15,330 | <u>(1)</u> | 08/28/2017 | Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock | 15,330 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--|---|
| WENDEL STEPHEN T 500 N LOOP 1604 E SAN ANTONIO, TX 78232 | Director 10% Owner Officer VP - Land & Marketing |

Signatures

Steven T. Wendel
08/30/2007

**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) The options vest in 25% increments each year for four years, with the first increment vesting on 8/28/2008.

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