LANG JOHN DOUGLAS

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(Print or Type Responses)

1 Name and Address of Reporting Person *

LANG JOHN DOUGLAS			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WHITING PETROLEUM CORP [WLL]				C	Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1700 BROADWAY, SUITE 2300		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/03/2011					Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Vice President				
				. If Amendment, Date Original iled(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
	(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative :	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	ly Owned
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Date, if	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D) 5) Price	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)
	Common Stock	03/03/2011			S	2,000	D	\$ 67.65	21,654	D	

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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8. Price Deriva Securit (Instr.
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
2011 Stock Option - Right to Purchase	\$ 60.285 (2)					(1)(2)	01/18/2021	Common Stock	4,100	
Stock Option - Right to Purchase	\$ 34.31 (2)					(1)(2)	01/26/2020	Common Stock	2,572	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 5	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
LANG JOHN DOUGLAS 1700 BROADWAY, SUITE 2300 DENVER, CO 80290			Vice President				

Signatures

J. Douglas Lang 03/03/2011 **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).
- Grant to reporting person of option to buy shares of common stock under the Whiting Petroleum Corporation 2003 Equity Incentive Plan.
- (1) The option vests and becomes exercisable as follows: 1/3 on 1st anniversary of the date of grant, 2/3 on 2nd anniversary of the date of grant and 3/3 on 3rd anniversary of the date of grant.
- Adjusted to reflect the two-for-one split of Whiting Petroleum Corporation common stock distributed on February 22, 2011 to holders of record as of February 7, 2011.

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