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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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Symbol

(Check all applicable)

ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORP [AXAS]

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Instr. 8)

X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

(Month/Day/Year)

18803 MEISNER DRIVE

(Middle)

05/14/2013

below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

SAN ANTONO, TX 78258

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I)

(Instr. 4)

(Instr. 4)

(A)

Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

or

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of TransactionDerivative Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Execution Date, if Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Security or Exercise Securities any

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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 or Number of Shares
Director Stock Option	\$ 2.39	05/14/2013		A		12,000	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
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
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

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 05/17/2013

**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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