WATSON ROBERT L G

Form 4

Common Stock

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		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	11/19/2012		M	90,000	A	\$ 0.65	1,304,944	D	
Abraxas Petroleum							35,524	I	401-K

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Secu Secu Acq or D (D)	urities uritied (A) Disposed of tr. 3, 4,	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	Amoun Number Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 0.65	11/19/2012		M		90,000	11/22/2006	11/22/2012	Abraxas Common Stock	90,00
Employee Stock Option	\$ 3.74						03/08/2013	03/08/2022	Abraxas Common Stock	20,00
Employee Stock Option	\$ 4.72						03/15/2012	03/15/2021	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	60,00
Employee Stock Option	\$ 2.09						03/16/2011	03/16/2020	Abraxas Common Stock	90,00
Employee Stoci Option	\$ 1.75						10/05/2010	10/05/2019	Abraxas Common Stock	267,7
Employee Stock Option	\$ 0.99						03/17/2010	03/17/2019	Abraxas Common Stock	125,0
Employee Stock Option	\$ 3.6						08/28/2011	08/28/2017	Abraxas Common Stock	41,62
Employee Stock Option	\$ 4.59						09/13/2009	09/13/2015	Abraxas Common Stock	100,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

WATSON ROBERT L G 18803 MEISNER DRIVE SAN ANTONIO, TX 78258

President/CEO

Signatures

Robert L.G. 11/21/2012 Watson

**Signature of Date

Reporting Person

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