

Nocchiero Anthony J
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 Nocchiero Anthony J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CALLON PETROLEUM CO [CPE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 200 NORTH CANAL STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/09/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

NATCHEZ, MS 391203212

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/11/2012 | 05/11/2012 | M V | 6,322 A \$ 5.07 | 24,422 | 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. 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| 2011 Restricted Stock ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 7.01 | 05/11/2012 | 05/11/2012 | M | V | | 6,322 | 05/12/2012 | 05/12/2013 | Common Stock | 6,322 |
| 2012 Restricted Stock ⁽²⁾ | \$ 5.49 | 05/09/2012 | 05/09/2012 | A | V | | 22,768 | 05/09/2013 | 05/08/2015 | Common Stock | 22,768 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Nocchiero Anthony J 200 NORTH CANAL STREET NATCHEZ, MS 391203212 | | | X | |

Signatures

By: Clay V. Bland as Attorney-in-fact for 05/11/2012

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) These shares are subject to vesting one-third on the first anniversary date following the grant date and one-third on each subsequent anniversary date.
- (2) These shares are subject to vesting one-third on the first anniversary date following the grant date and one-third on each subsequent anniversary date.

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