

ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORP  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 King Geoffrey R.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORP  
 [AXAS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 18803 MEISNER DRIVE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 08/09/2016

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP - CFO

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78258  
 (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)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock					180,685	D	
Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock					13,589	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. 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)	Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Employee Stock Option	\$ 1.31	08/09/2016		A	100,000	08/09/2017 <sup>(1)</sup>	08/11/2026	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	10
Employee Stock Option	\$ 0.97					03/15/2017	03/15/2026	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	15
Employee Stock Option	\$ 3.16					03/03/2016	03/03/2025	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	25
Employee Stock Option	\$ 3.15					03/11/2015	03/11/2024	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	2
Employee Stock Option	\$ 2.39					05/14/2014	05/14/2023	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	24
Employee Stock Option	\$ 1.99					09/04/2013	09/04/2022	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	20

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
King Geoffrey R. 18803 MEISNER DRIVE			VP - CFO	

SAN ANTONIO, TX 78258

## Signatures

Geoffrey R.  
King

08/11/2016

\_\_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) Options vest at 25% per year beginning one year from date of grant.

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