

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 \*  
**WENDEL STEPHEN T**

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)  
**01/29/2016**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**VP - Land and Contracts**

**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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock					306,422	D	
Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	01/29/2016 <sup>(1)</sup>		A		8,138	A	\$ 1.14
					115,688	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)	Am	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Nu Sha
Employee Stock Option	\$ 0.97	03/15/2016		A	177,000	03/15/2017 <sup>(2)</sup>	03/15/2026	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	17
Employee Stock Option	\$ 3.16					03/03/2016	03/03/2025	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	15
Employee Stock Option	\$ 3.15					03/11/2015	03/11/2024	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	24
Employee Stock Option	\$ 2.39					05/14/2014	05/14/2023	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	23
Employee Stock Option	\$ 3.74					03/08/2013	03/08/2022	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	10
Employee Stock Option	\$ 4.72					03/15/2012	03/15/2021	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	30
Employee Stock Option	\$ 2.09					03/16/2014	03/16/2020	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	60
Employee Stock Option	\$ 1.75					10/05/2010	10/05/2019	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	60

Employee Stock Option	\$ 3.6	08/28/2011	08/28/2017	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	13
Employee Stock Option	\$ 0.99	03/17/2003	03/17/2019	Abraxas Petroleum Common Stock	50

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WENDEL STEPHEN T 18803 MEISNER DRIVE SAN ANTONIO, TX 78258			VP - Land and Contracts	

## Signatures

Stephen T.  
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03/28/2016

\_\_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) 401-K shares acquired as a result of Abraxas Petroleum Corporations safe harbor match for calendar year 2014.
- (2) Options vest at 25% per year beginning one year from date of grant.

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