LANG JOHN DOUGLAS

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person LANG JOHN DOUGLAS			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WHITING PETROLEUM CORP [WLL]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/07/2011			DirectorX Officer (give below)	e titleOthe	Owner er (specify			
1700 BROADWAY, SUITE 2300			03/07/2011					Vice President			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
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DENVER,	CO 00270							Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-l	Derivative	Securi	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of	2. Transaction Da	te 2A. Dee	emed	3.	4. Securi	ties Ac	quired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of	
Security	(Month/Day/Year) Execution	on Date, if	Transacti	on(A) or D	isposed	d of (D)	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any		Code	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	
		(Month/	Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership	
								Following Reported	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
						(A)		Transaction(s)			
				G 1 -		or	ъ.	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	,			

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration D (Month/Day/	ation Date U		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
2011 Stock Option - Right to Purchase	\$ 60.285					<u>(1)</u>	01/18/2021	Common Stock	4,100	
Stock Option - Right to Purchase	\$ 34.31					<u>(1)</u>	01/26/2020	Common Stock	2,572	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
LANG JOHN DOUGLAS 1700 BROADWAY, SUITE 2300 DENVER, CO 80290			Vice President				

Signatures

/s/ Bruce R. DeBoer, 03/07/2011 Attorney-in-Fact **Signature of Reporting Person

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Date

Grant to reporting person of option to buy shares of common stock under the Whiting Petroleum Corporation 2003 Equity Incentive Plan. (1) The option vests and becomes exercisable as follows: 1/3 on 1st anniversary of the date of grant, 2/3 on 2nd anniversary of the date of grant and 3/3 on 3rd anniversary of the date of grant.

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