### LANG JOHN DOUGLAS

Form 4

February 24, 2009

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LANG JOHN DOUGLAS			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol WHITING PETROLEUM CORP [WLL]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 1700 BROA	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/21/2009					Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Vice President					
				If Amendment, Date Original iled(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
(City)						Person					
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	(State)  2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)		Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)				5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)  Reported Transaction(s)				
Common Stock	02/21/2009			Code V F	Amount 667		Price \$ 25.05	(Instr. 3 and 4) 4,802	D		
Common Stock	02/21/2009			A	1,623 (1)	A	\$0	6,425	D		
Common Stock	02/23/2009			F	744	D	\$ 23.07	5,681	D		

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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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		
				Code V	(A) $(D)$				Shares		

## **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, attorney-in-fact 02/24/2009

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- \* 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) Vesting to reporting person under the Whiting Petroleum Corporation 2003 Equity Incentive Plan upon attainment of performance criteria.

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