

Buterbaugh Richard C  
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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 * Buterbaugh Richard C			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Laredo Petroleum Holdings, Inc. [LPI]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/15/2013	____ Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Executive Vice President & CFO ____ 10% Owner ____ Other (specify below)
15 W. SIXTH STREET, SUITE 1800			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(Street)	TULSA, OK 74119			
(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)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	02/15/2013		A		16,506	A	68,696
						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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 17.34	02/15/2013		A	42,961	02/15/2014 02/15/2023	Common Stock	42,961
Performance Units	(3)	02/15/2013		A	6,150	12/31/2015 (3)	Common Stock	6,150

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Buterbaugh Richard C 15 W. SIXTH STREET, SUITE 1800 TULSA, OK 74119			Executive Vice President & CFO	

## Signatures

/s/ Kenneth E. Dornblaser as attorney-in-fact for Richard C. Buterbaugh 02/19/2013

\_\_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 restricted shares are granted under the Issuer's 2011 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan and will vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary date of the grant.
- (2) This stock option is granted under the Issuer's 2011 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan and is exercisable as to 25% on each of the first four anniversaries of the date of the grant.
- (3) These performance units are granted under the Issuer's 2011 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan. Each performance unit has a value of \$100. The performance units will be payable, if at all, in cash, based upon the Issuer's total shareholders return measured against an industry peer group, over a three year performance period ending December 31, 2015. The final value of the performance units granted can range from 0% to 200% of the target value.

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