

Minton John E  
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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 \*  
 Minton John E

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)  
 15 W. SIXTH STREET, SUITE 1800  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/03/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Sr. V.P.-Reservoir Engineering

TULSA, OK 74119

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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(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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	02/03/2012		A	6,474 (1)	A 111,087	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)
Stock Option (Right to buy)	\$ 24.11	02/03/2012		A	12,806	02/03/2013 02/03/2022	Common Stock
Performance Units	(3)	02/03/2012		A	2,750	12/31/2014(3) (3)	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Minton John E 15 W. SIXTH STREET SUITE 1800 TULSA, OK 74119			Sr. V.P.-Reservoir Engineering	

Signatures

/s/ Kenneth E. Dornblaser, as attorney-in-fact for John E. Minton 02/07/2012

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 shareholder return measured against an industry peer group, over a three year performance period ending December 31, 2014. The final value of the performance units granted can range from 0% to 200% of the target value.

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