

DEMING CLAIBORNE P  
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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 \*  
DEMING CLAIBORNE P

(Last) (First) (Middle)

200 PEACH STREET, P.O. BOX  
7000

(Street)

EL DORADO, AR 71731-7000

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
MURPHY OIL CORP /DE [MUR]

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

10/12/2010

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	10/12/2010		M	A	\$ 30.295	680,880	D
Common Stock	10/12/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 65.0327	665,880	D
Common Stock	10/13/2010		M	A	\$ 30.295	679,039	D
Common Stock	10/13/2010		M	A	\$ 45.2275	725,880	D
Common Stock	10/13/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 65.4831	665,880	D

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Common Stock	1,529,536	I	Beneficiary Of Trusts
Common Stock	43,888	I	By Spouse
Common Stock	81,115.2	I	Family Limited Partnership
Common Stock	50,793	I	Indirectly By Daughter
Common Stock	287,222	I	Self, Trustee For My Children
Common Stock	56,909	I	Trustee, Company Thrift Plan

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 30.295	10/12/2010		M		15,000	02/03/2006	02/03/2011	Common Stock	15,000
Stock Option	\$ 30.295	10/13/2010		M		13,159	02/03/2006	02/03/2011	Common Stock	13,159
Stock Option	\$ 45.2275	10/13/2010		M		46,841	02/01/2007	02/01/2012	Common Stock	46,841

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DEMING CLAIBORNE P 200 PEACH STREET P.O. BOX 7000 EL DORADO, AR 71731-7000	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Walter K. Compton,  
Attorney-in-Fact

10/14/2010

\*\*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) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on August 24, 2009 and amended on December 17, 2009.

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