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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2012

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

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ABRAXAS PETROLEUM CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada  
(State of Incorporation)

74-2584033  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

18803 Meisner Drive, San Antonio, TX 78258  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

210-490-4788  
(Registrant's telephone number, including  
area code)

Not Applicable  
(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed  
since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to the filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes  No

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See definition of “large accelerated filer,” “accelerated filer” and “smaller reporting company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check One)

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer   
Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company   
(Do not mark if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

The number of shares of the issuer’s common stock outstanding as of May 4, 2012 was 92,332,057

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## Forward-Looking Information

We make forward-looking statements throughout this report. Whenever you read a statement that is not simply a statement of historical fact (such as statements including words like “believe,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “will,” “plan,” “may,” “estimate,” “could,” “potentially” or similar expressions), you must remember that these are forward-looking statements, and that our expectations may not be correct, even though we believe they are reasonable. The forward-looking information contained in this report is generally located in the material set forth under the headings “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” but may be found in other locations as well. These forward-looking statements generally relate to our plans and objectives for future operations and are based upon our management’s reasonable estimates of future results or trends. The factors that may affect our expectations regarding our operations include, among others, the following:

- our success in development, exploitation and exploration activities;
- our ability to procure services and equipment for our drilling and completion activities;
- the prices we receive for our production and the effectiveness of our hedging activities;
  - our ability to make planned capital expenditures;
  - declines in our production of oil and gas;
  - the availability of capital;
- political and economic conditions in oil producing countries, especially those in the Middle East;
  - price and availability of alternative fuels;
  - our restrictive debt covenants;
  - our acquisition and divestiture activities;
  - weather conditions and events;
- the proximity, capacity, cost and availability of pipelines and other transportation facilities; and
  - other factors discussed elsewhere in this report.

## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Unless otherwise indicated in this report, gas volumes are stated at the legal pressure base of the state or area in which the reserves are located at 60 degrees Fahrenheit. Oil equivalents are determined using the ratio of six Mcf of gas to one barrel of oil, condensate or natural gas liquids. One Mcf of gas at 1,000 British Thermal Units (“BTU”) is equivalent to one MMBtu. The following definitions shall apply to the technical terms used in this report.

Terms used to describe quantities of oil and gas:

“Bbl” – barrel or barrels.

“Boe” – barrels of oil equivalent.

“MBbl” – thousand barrels.

“MBoe” – thousand barrels of oil equivalent.

“Mcf” – thousand cubic feet of gas.

“MMBoe” – million barrels of oil equivalent.

“MMBtu” – million BTU of gas.

“MMcf” – million cubic feet of gas.

“NGL” – natural gas liquids measured in barrels.

Terms used to describe our interests in wells and acreage:

“Developed acreage” means acreage which consists of leased acres spaced or assignable to productive wells.

“Development well” is a well drilled within the proved area of an oil or gas reservoir to the depth or stratigraphic horizon (rock layer or formation) noted to be productive for the purpose of extracting reserves.

“Dry well” is an exploratory or development well found to be incapable of producing either oil or gas in sufficient quantities to justify completion.

“Exploratory well” is a well drilled to find and produce oil or gas in an unproved area, to find a new reservoir in a field previously found to be producing in another reservoir, or to extend a known reservoir.

“Gross acres” are the number of acres in which we own a working interest.

“Gross well” is a well in which we own an interest.

“Net acres” are the sum of fractional ownership working interests in gross acres (e.g., a 50% working interest in a lease covering 320 gross acres is equivalent to 160 net acres).

“Net well” is the sum of fractional ownership working interests in gross wells.

“Productive well” is an exploratory or a development well that is not a dry well.

“Undeveloped acreage” means those leased acres on which wells have not been drilled or completed to a point that would permit the production of economic quantities of oil and gas, regardless of whether or not such acreage contains proved reserves.

Terms used to describe our reserves:

“Proved reserves” are those quantities of oil and gas reserves, which, by analysis of geoscience and engineering data, can be estimated with reasonable certainty to be commercially recoverable - from a given date forward, from known reservoirs, and under defined economic conditions, operating methods, and government regulations.

“Proved developed reserves” are those quantities of oil and gas reserves that can be expected to be recovered through existing wells with existing equipment and operating methods. Additional reserves expected to be obtained through the application of fluid injection or other improved recovery techniques for supplementing the natural forces and mechanisms of primary recovery are included in “proved developed reserves” only after testing by a pilot project or after the operation of an installed program has confirmed through production response that increased recovery will be achieved.

“Proved developed non-producing reserves” are those quantities of oil and gas reserves that are developed behind pipe in an existing well bore, from a shut-in well bore or that can be recovered through improved recovery only after the necessary equipment has been installed, or when the costs to do so are relatively minor. Shut-in reserves are expected to be recovered from (1) completion intervals which are open at the time of the estimate but which have not started producing, (2) wells that were shut-in for market conditions or pipeline connections, or (3) wells not capable of production for mechanical reasons. Behind-pipe reserves are expected to be recovered from zones in existing wells that will require additional completion work or future recompletion prior to the start of production.

“Proved undeveloped reserves” are those quantities of oil and gas reserves that are expected to be recovered from new wells on undrilled acreage or from existing wells where a relatively major expenditure is required for development. Reserves on undrilled acreage are limited to those drilling units offsetting productive units that are reasonably certain of production when drilled. Proved reserves for other undrilled units are claimed only where it can be demonstrated with reasonable certainty that there is continuity of production from the existing productive formation. Estimates for proved undeveloped reserves are not attributed to any acreage for which an application of fluid injection or other improved recovery technique is contemplated, unless such techniques have been proven effective by actual tests in the area and in the same reservoir.

“Probable reserves” are those additional reserves which analysis of geoscience and engineering data indicate are less likely to be recovered than proved reserves but more certain to be recovered than possible reserves.

“Possible reserves” are those additional reserves which analysis of geoscience and engineering data suggest are less likely to be recoverable than probable reserves.

“PV-10” means estimated future net revenue, discounted at a rate of 10% per annum, before income taxes and with no price or cost escalation or de-escalation, calculated in accordance with guidelines promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”).

“Standardized Measure” means estimated future net revenue, discounted at a rate of 10% per annum, after income taxes and with no price or cost escalation or de-escalation, calculated in accordance with Accounting Standards Codifications (“ASC”) 932, “Disclosures About Oil and Gas Producing Activities.”

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PART I  
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Item 1. Financial Statements

Abraxas Petroleum Corporation  
Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets  
(in thousands)

	March 31, 2012 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2011
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$—	\$—
Accounts receivable, net:		
Joint owners	2,051	3,354
Oil and gas production	11,075	8,897
Other	303	655
	13,429	12,906
Derivative asset – current	5,091	11,416
Other current assets	483	391
Total current assets	19,003	24,713
Property and equipment:		
Oil and gas properties, full cost method of accounting:		
Proved	513,461	490,908
Unproved properties excluded from depletion	1,927	1,100
Other property and equipment	37,140	33,783
Total	552,528	525,791
Less accumulated depreciation, depletion, and amortization	(351,214 )	(346,239 )
Total property and equipment – net	201,314	179,552
Investment in joint venture	26,998	26,215
Deferred financing fees, net	3,532	3,490
Derivative asset – long-term	232	6,412
Other assets	773	768
Total assets	\$251,852	\$241,150

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited)

Abraxas Petroleum Corporation  
Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (continued)  
(in thousands, except share data)

	March 31, 2012 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2011
<b>Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity</b>		
<b>Current liabilities:</b>		
Accounts payable	\$27,542	\$21,373
Oil and gas production payable	7,237	5,835
Accrued interest	162	209
Other accrued expenses	732	284
Derivative liability – current	11,622	11,640
Current maturities of long-term debt	184	181
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>47,479</b>	<b>39,522</b>
<b>Long-term debt, excluding current maturities</b>	<b>126,711</b>	<b>126,258</b>
<b>Derivative liability – long-term</b>	<b>4,696</b>	<b>4,307</b>
<b>Future site restoration</b>	<b>8,681</b>	<b>8,412</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>187,567</b>	<b>178,499</b>
<b>Stockholders' Equity</b>		
Preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, authorized 1,000,000 shares; -0- issued and outstanding	—	—
Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, authorized 200,000,000 shares; 92,328,057 and 92,261,057 issued and outstanding	923	923
Additional paid-in capital	249,016	248,480
Accumulated deficit	(185,648 )	(186,465 )
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(6 )	(287 )
<b>Total stockholders' equity</b>	<b>64,285</b>	<b>62,651</b>
<b>Total liabilities and stockholders' equity</b>	<b>\$251,852</b>	<b>\$241,150</b>

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited)



Abraxas Petroleum Corporation  
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations  
(Unaudited)  
(in thousands except per share data)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2012	2011
<b>Revenue:</b>		
Oil and gas production revenues	\$16,379	\$13,847
Other	14	1
	16,393	13,848
<b>Operating costs and expenses:</b>		
Lease operating expenses	5,934	4,015
Production taxes	1,496	1,254
Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	4,838	3,430
General and administrative (including stock-based compensation of \$477 and \$363, respectively)	1,901	2,646
	14,169	11,345
Operating income	2,224	2,503
<b>Other (income) expense:</b>		
Interest income	(1 )	(2 )
Interest expense	1,195	1,605
Amortization of deferred financing fees	30	500
Loss on derivative contracts - realized	48	115
Loss on derivative contracts – unrealized	876	10,978
Equity in (gain) of joint venture	(783 )	(749 )
Other	42	75
	1,407	12,522
Net income (loss)	\$817	\$(10,019 )
<b>Net income (loss) per common share – basic</b>		
	\$0.01	\$(0.12 )
<b>Net income (loss) per common share – diluted</b>		
	\$0.01	\$(0.12 )

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited)

Abraxas Petroleum Corporation  
 Condensed Consolidated Statements of  
 Other Comprehensive Income (loss)  
 (Unaudited)  
 (in thousands)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2012	2011
Consolidated net income (loss)	\$817	\$(10,019 )
Other comprehensive income (loss):		
Change in unrealized value of investments	(4 )	17
Foreign currency translation adjustment	285	120
Other comprehensive income	281	137
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$1,098	\$(9,882 )

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited)

Abraxas Petroleum Corporation  
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows  
(Unaudited)  
(in thousands)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2012	2011
<b>Operating Activities</b>		
Net income (loss)	\$817	\$(10,019 )
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Equity in gain of joint venture	(783 )	(749 )
Change in derivative fair value	512	10,664
Monetization of derivative contracts	12,364	—
Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	4,838	3,430
Amortization of deferred financing fees	30	500
Accretion of future site restoration	116	109
Stock-based compensation	477	363
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(506 )	87
Other	(101 )	150
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	8,024	(9,463 )
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	25,788	(4,928 )
<b>Investing Activities</b>		
Capital expenditures, including purchases and development of properties	(26,126 )	(9,765 )
Proceeds from the sale of oil and gas properties	—	8,457
Net cash used in investing activities	(26,126 )	(1,308 )
<b>Financing Activities</b>		
Proceeds from long-term borrowings	4,500	2,000
Payments on long-term borrowings	(4,044 )	(57,040 )
Deferred financing fees	(72 )	(13 )
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	—	62,113
Exercise of stock options	59	—
Other	(105 )	36
Net cash provided by financing activities	338	7,096
Increase in cash	—	860
Cash and equivalents, at beginning of period	—	99
Cash and equivalents, at end of period	\$—	\$959
<b>Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:</b>		
Interest paid	\$1,126	\$1,742

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited)



Abraxas Petroleum Corporation  
Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements  
(Unaudited)  
(tabular amounts in thousands, except per share data)

Note 1. Basis of Presentation

The accounting policies followed by Abraxas Petroleum Corporation and its subsidiaries (the “Company”) are set forth in the notes to the Company’s audited consolidated financial statements in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 filed with the SEC on March 15, 2012. Such policies have been continued without change. Also, refer to the notes to those financial statements for additional details of the Company’s financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows. All material items included in those notes have not changed except as a result of normal transactions in the interim, or as disclosed within this report. The accompanying interim consolidated financial statements have not been audited by our independent registered public accountants, but in the opinion of management, reflect all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position and results of operations. Any and all adjustments are of a normal and recurring nature. Although management believes the unaudited interim related disclosures in these consolidated financial statements are adequate to make the information presented not misleading, certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in annual audited consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have been condensed or omitted pursuant to the rules and regulations of the SEC. The results of operations and the cash flows for the period ended March 31, 2012 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year. The condensed consolidated financial statements included herein should be read in conjunction with the consolidated audited financial statements and the notes thereto included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011.

Consolidation Principles

The terms “Abraxas,” “Abraxas Petroleum,” “we,” “us,” “our” or the “Company” refer to Abraxas Petroleum Corporation and its subsidiaries, including Raven Drilling, LLC (“Raven Drilling”) and a wholly-owned foreign subsidiary, Canadian Abraxas Petroleum, ULC (“Canadian Abraxas”).

Canadian Abraxas’ assets and liabilities are translated to U.S. dollars at period-end exchange rates. Income and expense items are translated at average rates of exchange prevailing during the period. Translation adjustments are accumulated as a separate component of stockholders’ equity.

Rig Accounting

In accordance with SEC Regulation S-X, no income is to be recognized in connection with contractual drilling services performed in connection with properties in which the Company or its affiliates holds an ownership, or other economic interest. Any income not recognized as a result of this limitation is to be credited to the full cost pool and recognized through lower amortization as reserves are produced.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Stock-based Compensation, Option Plans and Warrants

Stock Options

The Company currently utilizes a standard option-pricing model (i.e., Black-Scholes) to measure the fair value of stock options granted to employees and directors.

The following table summarizes the Company's stock-based compensation expense related to stock options for the periods presented:

Three Months Ended March 31,	
2012	2011
\$ 346	\$ 267

The following table summarizes the Company's stock option activity for the three months ended March 31, 2012:

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Option Exercise Price Per Share	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value Per Share	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding, December 31, 2011	4,756	\$ 2.61	\$ 1.85	\$ 8,214
Granted	295	\$ 3.74	\$ 2.76	814
Exercised	(67)	\$ 0.89	\$ 0.43	(29)
Outstanding, March 31, 2012	4,984	\$ 2.70	\$ 1.81	\$ 8,999

The following table shows the weighted average assumptions used in the Black-Scholes calculation of the fair value of stock option grants for the three months ended March 31, 2012:

Expected dividend yield	0	%
Volatility	80.12	%
Risk free interest rate	1.48	%
Expected life	7.37	Years
Fair value of options granted (in thousands)	\$814	
Weighted average grant date fair value per share of options granted	\$2.76	

Additional information related to stock options at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 is as follows:

	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Options exercisable	2,964	2,512

As of March 31, 2012, there was approximately \$3.5 million of unamortized compensation expense related to outstanding stock options that will be recognized in 2012 through 2016.

#### Restricted Stock Awards

Restricted stock awards are awards of common stock that are subject to restrictions on transfer and to a risk of forfeiture if the awardee terminates employment with the Company prior to the lapse of the restrictions. The fair value of such stock was determined using the closing price on the grant date and compensation expense is recorded over the

applicable vesting periods.

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The following table summarizes the Company's restricted stock activity for the three months ended March 31, 2012:

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value Per Share
Unvested, December 31, 2011	630	\$3.03
Granted	—	—
Vested/Released	(107 )	1.83
Forfeited	—	—
Unvested, March 31, 2012	523	\$3.28

The following table summarizes the Company's stock-based compensation expense related to restricted stock for the periods presented:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2012	2011
\$	131	\$ 96

As of March 31, 2012, there was approximately \$1.3 million of unamortized compensation expense relating to outstanding restricted shares that will be recognized in 2012 through 2015.

#### Warrants

On May 25, 2007, the Company entered into a Securities Purchase Agreement with certain accredited investors pursuant to which the Company issued warrants to purchase 1,174,938 shares of common stock. The warrants expire on May 25, 2012 and are exercisable at a price of \$3.83 per share, subject to certain adjustments. No warrants were exercised during the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011. As of March 31, 2012, there were 878,000 warrants outstanding.

#### Oil and Gas Properties

The Company follows the full cost method of accounting for oil and gas properties. Under this method, all direct costs and certain indirect costs associated with acquisition of properties and successful as well as unsuccessful exploration and development activities are capitalized. Depreciation, depletion, and amortization of capitalized oil and gas properties and estimated future development costs, excluding unproved properties, are based on the unit-of-production method based on Proved reserves. Net capitalized costs of oil and gas properties, less related deferred taxes, are limited by country, to the lower of the unamortized capitalized cost or the cost ceiling. The ceiling cost is calculated as PV-10, plus the cost of properties not being amortized, if any, plus the lower of cost or estimated fair value of unproved properties included in the costs being amortized, if any, less related income taxes. We calculate the projected income tax effect using the "short-cut" method for the cost ceiling test calculation. Costs in excess of the cost ceiling are charged to proved property impairment expense. No gain or loss is recognized upon sale or disposition of oil and gas properties, except in unusual circumstances. We apply the full cost ceiling test on a quarterly basis on the date of the latest balance sheet presented. At March 31, 2012, our net capitalized costs of oil and gas properties in the United States and Canada did not exceed the cost ceiling of our estimated Proved reserves.

#### Restoration, Removal and Environmental Liabilities

The Company is subject to extensive Federal, provincial, state and local environmental laws and regulations. These laws regulate the discharge of materials into the environment and may require the Company to remove or mitigate the environmental effects of the disposal or release of petroleum substances at various sites. Environmental expenditures are expensed or capitalized depending on their future economic benefit. Expenditures that relate to an existing condition caused by past operations and that have no future economic benefit are expensed.

Liabilities for expenditures of a non-capital nature are recorded when environmental assessments and/or remediation is probable, and the costs can be reasonably estimated. Such liabilities are generally undiscounted unless the timing of cash payments for the liability or component are fixed or reliably determinable.

The Company accounts for asset retirement obligations based on the guidance of ASC 410 which addresses accounting and reporting for obligations associated with the retirement of tangible long-lived assets and the associated asset retirement costs. ASC 410 requires that the fair value of a liability for an asset's retirement obligation be recorded in the period in which it is incurred and the corresponding cost capitalized by increasing the carrying amount of the related long-lived asset. The liability is accreted to its then present value each period, and the capitalized cost is depreciated over the estimated useful life of the related asset. For all periods presented, we have included estimated future costs of abandonment and dismantlement in our full cost amortization base and amortize these costs as a component of our depletion expense in the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements.

The following table summarizes the Company's asset retirement obligation transactions for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and the year ended December 31, 2011:

	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Beginning asset retirement obligation	\$8,412	\$7,734
Settled	(4 )	(72 )
Revisions	4	(9 )
New wells placed on production and other	153	318
Deletions related to property disposals and plugging costs	—	(11 )
Accretion expense	116	452
Ending asset retirement obligation	\$8,681	\$8,412

#### Working Capital (Deficit)

At March 31, 2012, our current liabilities of approximately \$47.5 million exceeded our current assets of \$19.0 million resulting in a working capital deficit of \$28.5 million. This compares to a working capital deficit of \$14.8 million at December 31, 2011. Current liabilities at March 31, 2012 primarily consisted of the current portion of derivative liabilities of \$11.6 million, trade payables of \$27.5 million and revenues due third parties of \$7.2 million.

#### Note 2. Joint Venture

On August 18, 2010, Abraxas Petroleum and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Abraxas Operating, LLC, contributed 8,333 net acres in the Eagle Ford Shale play to Blue Eagle Energy, LLC ("Blue Eagle") and received a \$25.0 million equity interest in Blue Eagle pursuant to the terms of the Subscription and Contribution Agreement among Abraxas Petroleum, Abraxas Operating, Blue Eagle and Rock Oil Company, LLC ("Rock Oil") formerly known as Blue Stone Oil & Gas, LLC. Simultaneously, Rock Oil contributed \$25.0 million in cash to Blue Eagle for a \$25.0 million equity interest. Rock Oil committed to contribute an additional \$50.0 million to Blue Eagle and upon full funding (should it occur), Abraxas Petroleum would own a 25% equity interest and Rock Oil would own a 75% equity interest in Blue Eagle.

Blue Eagle's subject area encompasses 12 counties across the Eagle Ford Shale play. Abraxas Petroleum operates the wells owned by Blue Eagle and Rock Oil and Abraxas jointly manage the day-to-day business affairs of Blue Eagle. Robert L.G. Watson, our President and CEO, serves as one of the three members of the Board of Managers of Blue Eagle.

As of March 31, 2012, Rock Oil has contributed \$47.0 million to Blue Eagle and we own a non-controlling 34.7% interest in the joint venture. We account for the joint venture under the equity method of accounting. Under this method, Abraxas' share of net income (loss) from the joint venture is reflected as an increase (decrease) in its investment account in "Investment in joint venture" and is also recorded as equity investment income (loss) in "Equity in (gain) loss of joint venture." For the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, we reported a gain of \$783,000 and \$749,000, respectively.

The following is condensed financial data from Blue Eagle's March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 financial statements:

	As of March 31, 2012	As of December 31, 2011
<b>Balance Sheets:</b>		
<b>Assets:</b>		
Current assets	\$7,641	\$11,910
Oil and gas properties	74,378	66,663
Other assets	34	36
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$82,053</b>	<b>\$78,609</b>
<b>Liabilities and Members' Capital:</b>		
Current liabilities	\$4,252	\$3,070
Other liabilities	47	41
Members' capital	77,754	75,498
<b>Total liabilities and members' capital</b>	<b>\$82,053</b>	<b>\$78,609</b>
	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>Statements of Operations:</b>		
Revenue	\$3,821	\$3,097
Operating expenses	2,128	1,604
Other (income) expense	(1 )	(5 )
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$1,694</b>	<b>\$1,498</b>

Blue Eagle has engaged Strategic Energy Advisors, LLC to review its strategic alternatives, including the potential sale of Blue Eagle or its assets, for which the data room opened in April 2012.

### Note 3. Income Taxes

The Company records income taxes using the liability method. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on differences between financial reporting and tax basis of assets and liabilities and are measured using the tax rates and laws expected to be in effect when the differences are expected to reverse.

For the three months ended March 31, 2012, there were no current or deferred income tax expense or benefit due to losses and/or loss carryforwards and valuation allowances which have been recorded against such benefits.

The Company accounts for uncertain tax positions under provisions ASC 740-10. This ASC did not have any effect on the Company's financial position or results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011. The Company recognizes interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions in income tax expense. As of March 31, 2012, the Company did not have any accrued interest or penalties related to uncertain tax positions. The tax years 2001 through 2011 remain open to examination by the tax jurisdictions to which the Company is subject. The Company and Abraxas Energy Partners, L.P., which was merged into a wholly-owned subsidiary of Abraxas, are currently undergoing an Internal Revenue Service audit of their 2009 Federal income tax returns.

At December 31, 2011, we had, subject to the limitation discussed below, \$150.2 million of net operating loss carryforwards for U.S. tax purposes and \$7.7 million of net operating loss carryforwards for Canadian tax purposes.

The U.S. loss carryforward will expire in varying amounts through 2031 and the Canadian loss carryforward will expire in 2031, if not utilized.

## Note 4. Long-Term Debt

The following table summarizes the Company's long-term debt:

	March 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Credit facility	\$ 115,000	\$ 115,000
Rig loan agreement	7,000	6,500
Real estate lien note	4,895	4,939
	126,895	126,439
Less current maturities	(184 )	(181 )
	\$ 126,711	\$ 126,258

## Credit Facility

On June 30, 2011, we entered into a second amended and restated senior secured credit facility with Société Générale, as administrative agent and issuing lender, and certain other lenders, which we refer to as the credit facility. As of March 31, 2012, \$115.0 million was outstanding under the credit facility.

The credit facility has a maximum commitment of \$300.0 million and availability is subject to a borrowing base. The borrowing base is currently \$125.0 million and is determined semi-annually by the lenders based upon our reserve reports, one of which must be prepared by our independent petroleum engineers and one of which may be prepared internally. The amount of the borrowing base is calculated by the lenders based upon their valuation of our Proved reserves securing the facility utilizing these reserve reports and their own internal decisions. In addition, the lenders, in their sole discretion, are able to make one additional borrowing base redetermination during any six-month period between scheduled redeterminations and we are able to request one redetermination during any six-month period between scheduled redeterminations. The borrowing base will be automatically reduced in connection with any sales of producing properties with a market value of 5% or more of our then-current borrowing base and in connection with any hedge termination which could reduce the collateral value by 5% or more. Our borrowing base of \$125.0 million was determined based upon our reserve report dated December 31, 2011. Our borrowing base can never exceed the \$300.0 million maximum commitment amount. Outstanding amounts under the credit facility bear interest at (a) the greater of (1) the reference rate announced from time to time by Société Générale, (2) the Federal Funds Rate plus 0.5%, and (3) a rate determined by Société Générale as the daily one-month LIBOR plus, in each case, (b) 1.25—2.25%, depending on the utilization of the borrowing base, or, if we elect LIBOR plus 2.25%—3.25%, depending on the utilization of the borrowing base. At March 31, 2012, the interest rate on the credit facility was 3.53% based on 1-month LIBOR borrowings and level of utilization.

Subject to earlier termination rights and events of default, the stated maturity date of the credit facility is June 30, 2015. Interest is payable quarterly on reference rate advances and not less than quarterly on LIBOR advances. We are permitted to terminate the credit facility and are able, from time to time, to permanently reduce the lenders' aggregate commitment under the credit facility in compliance with certain notice and dollar increment requirements.

Each of our subsidiaries has guaranteed our obligations under the credit facility on a senior secured basis. Obligations under the credit facility are secured by a first priority perfected security interest, subject to certain permitted encumbrances, in all of our and our subsidiary guarantors' material property and assets, other than Raven Drilling. Neither the properties owned by Blue Eagle nor our investment in Blue Eagle are used to secure our obligations under the credit facility.

Under the credit facility, we are subject to customary covenants, including certain financial covenants and reporting requirements. We are required to maintain a current ratio, as of the last day of each quarter of not less than 1.00 to 1.00 and an interest coverage ratio as of the last day of each quarter of not less than 2.50 to 1.00. We are also required to maintain a total debt to EBITDAX ratio as of the last day of each quarter of not more than 4.00 to 1.00. The current ratio is defined as the ratio of consolidated current assets to consolidated current liabilities. For the purposes of this calculation, current assets include the portion of the borrowing base which is undrawn but excludes any cash deposited with a counter-party to a hedging arrangement and any assets representing a valuation account arising from the application of ASC 815 and ASC 410-20, and any accounts receivable from Blue Eagle and current liabilities exclude the current portion of long-term debt and any liabilities representing a valuation account arising from the application of ASC 815 and ASC 410-20, and any accounts payable to Blue Eagle. The interest coverage ratio is defined as the ratio of consolidated EBITDAX to consolidated interest expense

for the four fiscal quarters ended on the calculation date. For the purposes of this calculation, EBITDAX is consolidated net income plus interest expense, oil and gas exploration expenses, income, franchise or margin taxes, depreciation, amortization, depletion and other non-cash charges including non-cash charges resulting from the application of ASC 718, ASC 815 and ASC 410-20 plus all realized net cash proceeds arising from the settlement or monetization of any hedge contracts minus all non-cash items of income which were included in determining consolidated net income, including all non-cash items resulting from the application of ASC 815 and ASC 410-20; provided that net income shall be adjusted to negate the effect of non-cash gain or loss attributable to Blue Eagle. Interest expense includes total interest, letter of credit fees and other fees and expenses incurred in connection with any debt. The total debt to EBITDAX ratio is defined as the ratio of total debt to consolidated EBITDAX for the four fiscal quarters ended on the calculation date. For the purposes of this calculation, total debt is the outstanding principal amount of debt, excluding debt associated with the office building, and obligations with respect to surety bonds and hedge arrangements.

As of March 31, 2012, the interest coverage ratio was 7.05 to 1.00 and the total debt to EBITDAX ratio was 2.72 to 1.00.

At March 31, 2012, we were not in compliance with the financial covenant that we maintain a current ratio, as of the last day of each quarter, of not less than 1.00 to 1.00, as defined. As of March 31, 2012, the current ratio was 0.72 to 1.00. We have received a waiver from our lenders for the quarter ended March 31, 2012 with respect to this covenant breach. We anticipate that revenue increases from newly completed wells, control of capital spending, additional grants of available borrowings from our lenders, combined with the Blue Eagle divestiture will allow us to remain in compliance through the remainder of 2012 and 2013. However, not all these actions are within our control and there can be no assurance that we will be able to effect these actions on a timely basis. If we are unable to maintain compliance and the lenders were to exercise their rights, the Company may experience liquidity problems. This would have a material adverse effect on the Company, unless the lenders agree to additional waivers, forbearance, or restructuring of the debt or unless the Company can refinance the debt.

In addition to the foregoing and other customary covenants, the credit facility contains a number of covenants that, among other things, restrict our ability to:

- incur or guarantee additional indebtedness;
  - transfer or sell assets;
  - create liens on assets;
- engage in transactions with affiliates other than on an “arm’s length” basis;
- make any change in the principal nature of our business; and
  - permit a change of control.

The credit facility also contains customary events of default, including nonpayment of principal or interest, violations of covenants, cross default and cross acceleration to certain other indebtedness, bankruptcy and material judgments and liabilities.

#### Rig Loan Agreement

On September 19, 2011, Raven Drilling entered into a rig loan agreement with RBS Asset Finance, Inc. to finance the costs of purchasing and refurbishing an Oilwell 2000 hp diesel electric drilling rig (the “Collateral”). The rig loan

agreement provided for interim borrowings payable to Raven Drilling until the final amount of the loan was determined.

On February 14, 2012, Raven Drilling finalized the note with respect to the rig loan agreement. The principal amount of the note is \$7.0 million and bears interest at 4.26%, which equates to the four-year interest swap rate plus 3.50% on the date of closing. Interest only is due for the first 18-months of the note and thereafter, the note will amortize in full over the remaining life of the note. Interest and principal, when required, is payable monthly. Subject to earlier prepayment provisions and events of default, the stated maturity date of the note is February 14, 2017. As of March 31, 2012, \$7.0 million was outstanding under the rig loan agreement.

The Company has guaranteed Raven Drilling's obligations under the rig loan agreement and associated note. Obligations under the rig loan agreement are secured by a first priority perfected security interest, subject to certain permitted encumbrances, in the Collateral.

#### Real Estate Lien Note

On May 9, 2008, the Company entered into an advancing line of credit in the amount of \$5.4 million for the purchase and finish out of a building to serve as its corporate headquarters. This note was refinanced in November 2008. The note bears interest at a fixed rate of 5.25% and is payable in monthly installments of principal and interest of \$36,652 based on a twenty year amortization. The note matures in May 2015 at which time the outstanding balance becomes due. The note is secured by a first lien deed of trust on the property and improvements. As of March 31, 2012, \$4.9 million was outstanding on the note.

#### Note 5. Income (Loss) Per Share

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted income (loss) per share:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2012	2011
<b>Numerator:</b>		
Net income (loss)	\$ 817	\$ (10,019)
<b>Denominator:</b>		
Denominator for basic income (loss) per share - Weighted-average shares	91,745	85,867
<b>Effect of dilutive securities:</b>		
Stock options and warrants	1,860	—
Dilutive potential common shares		
Denominator for diluted income (loss) per share - Weighted-average shares and assumed conversions	93,605	85,867
Net income (loss) per common share – basic	\$ 0.01	\$ (0.12)
Net income (loss) per common share – diluted	\$ 0.01	\$ (0.12)

For the three months ended March 31, 2011, none of the shares issuable in connection with stock options or warrants are included in diluted shares. Inclusion of these shares would be antidilutive due to loss incurred in the period. Had there not been a loss in the period, dilutive shares would have been 3,286,378 shares.

#### Note 6. Hedging Program and Derivatives

The derivative instruments we utilize are based on index prices that may and often do differ from the actual oil and gas prices realized in our operations. Management has elected not to apply hedge accounting as prescribed by ASC 815. Accordingly, fluctuations in the market value of the derivative contracts are recognized in earnings during the current period.

On March 12, 2012, we monetized our gas hedges for net proceeds of approximately \$12.4 million.



The following table sets forth our derivative contracts at March 31, 2012:

Contract Periods	Fixed Price Swap			
	Oil		Gas	
	Daily Volume (Bbl)	Swap Price (per Bbl)	Daily Volume (MMBtu)	Swap Price (per MMBtu)
2012 (April - June)	946	\$70.89	8,301	\$6.77
2012 (July – December)	1,176	\$78.23	—	—
2013	994	\$88.03	—	—
2014 (January – August)	840	\$100.71	—	—

At March 31, 2012, the aggregate fair value of our commodity derivative contracts was a liability of approximately \$9.9 million.

In order to mitigate our interest rate exposure, we entered into an interest rate swap, effective August 12, 2008, to fix our floating LIBOR based debt. The two-year interest rate swap arrangement for \$100 million at a fixed rate of 3.367% originally was set to expire on August 12, 2010. The interest rate swap was amended in February 2009 lowering our fixed rate to 2.95% and further amended in November 2009 lowering our fixed rate to 2.55% and extending the term through August 12, 2012.

The following table illustrates the impact of derivative contracts on the Company's balance sheet:

Fair Value of Derivative Instruments as of March 31, 2012

Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments	Asset Derivatives		Liability Derivatives	
	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value
Commodity price derivatives	Derivatives – current	\$ 5,091	Derivatives – current	\$ 10,516
Interest rate derivatives	Derivatives – current	—	Derivatives – current	1,106
Commodity price derivatives	Derivatives - noncurrent	232	Derivatives - noncurrent	4,696
		\$ 5,323		\$ 16,318

Fair Value of Derivative Instruments as of December 31, 2011

Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments	Asset Derivatives		Liability Derivatives	
	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value
Commodity price derivatives	Derivatives – current	\$11,416	Derivatives – current	\$10,094
Interest rate derivatives	Derivatives – current	—	Derivatives – current	1,546
Commodity price derivatives	Derivatives - noncurrent			