

Smith Howard Clark
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Smith Howard Clark

(Last) (First) (Middle)

200 NORTH CANAL STREET

(Street)

NATCHEZ, MS 39120

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

CALLON PETROLEUM CO [CPE]

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

12/31/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Chief Information Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/31/2012		M		26,250	A	<u>11</u>	35,064	D	
Common Stock	12/31/2012		D		26,250	D	\$ 4.59	8,814	D	
Common Stock								4,766 ⁽²⁾	I	401(k) Account
Common Stock								34,160	I	Jt. Ten. with Spouse

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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
2010 Phantom Shares	(1)	12/31/2012		M		17,500		12/31/2012	12/31/2012	Common Stock	17,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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200 NORTH CANAL STREET
NATCHEZ, MS 39120

Chief Information Officer

Signatures

Clay V. Bland as
Attorney-in-fact 01/03/2013

__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) The terms of this Phantom Share award specify payment in cash rather than stock, and included a provision providing for a variable percentage payout (ranging from 0% to 150%) based on a performance criteria related to the Total Shareholder Return of the Company compared to a group of peer companies. On December 31, 2012, the reporting person's 2010 Phantom Shares held vested at the 150% level, or the equivalent of 26,250 shares of common stock of Callon Petroleum Company. The amount payable was based on the economic value of one share of Callon Petroleum Company common stock, calculated as the average of the opening and closing price on the vesting date (or \$4.59 on December 31, 2012).

(2) The number of shares reported are held within the individual's 401(k) account and are invested in the Callon Petroleum Company Employee Savings and Protection Plan. The number of shares reported is calculated by dividing the total market value of the reporting person's 401(k) account balance invested in the Callon Petroleum Company Employee Savings and Protection Plan on the day prior to this Form 4 reporting date by the closing market price-per-share on that date.

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