#### DEBOER BRUCE R

Form 4

January 28, 2013

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DEBOER BRUCE R			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol WHITING PETROLEUM CORP [WLL]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First) (MADWAY, SUITE	Middle) 2300	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/26/2013					Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Vice President and Secretary		
(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Ori Filed(Month/Day/Year)  DENVER, CO 80290				Č	1		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution	on Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Day/Year) (Instr. 8)  (A) or		d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)			
Common Stock	01/26/2013			Code V A	Amount 3,626 (1)	(D)	\$ 0	31,707	D	
Common Stock	01/26/2013			F	1,690	D	\$ 47.75	30,017	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)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber 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)		8. Price Deriva Securit (Instr.
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
2011 Stock Option - Right to Purchase	\$ 60.285					(2)	01/18/2021	Common Stock	2,928	
Stock Option - Right to Purchase	\$ 34.31					<u>(2)</u>	01/26/2020	Common Stock	2,572	

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Kelationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

Director 10% Owner Officer

DEBOER BRUCE R

1700 BROADWAY, SUITE 2300 DENVER, CO 80290

Vice President and Secretary

## **Signatures**

Bruce R.
DeBoer

\*\*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) Vesting to reporting person of restricted stock under the Whiting Petroleum Corporation 2003 Equity Incentive Plan upon attainment of performance criteria.
- (2) Grant to reporting person of ten-year option to buy shares of common stock under the Whiting Petroleum Corporation 2003 Equity Incentive Plan. The option vests and becomes exercisable as follows: 1/3 on 1st anniversary of the date of grant, 2/3 on 2nd anniversary

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of the date of grant and 3/3 on 3rd anniversary of the date of grant.

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