

IRANI RAY R
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FORM 4

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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 *
IRANI RAY R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORP /DE/ [OXY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORP, 10889 WILSHIRE BLVD
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/27/2008

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

LOS ANGELES, CA 90024

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	08/27/2008		M		500,000 A \$ 40.805	6,793,600	D
Common Stock	08/27/2008		F		359,799 D \$ 84.46	6,433,801	D
Common Stock	08/27/2008		M		400,000 A \$ 50.445	6,833,801	D
Common Stock	08/27/2008		F		312,607 D \$ 84.46	6,521,194	D
Common Stock						260,000	I by limited partnership

Common Stock		12,000	I	by Irani family foundation
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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 Number of Shares
Stock appreciation right	\$ 40.805	08/27/2008		M	500,000	<u>(1)</u> 07/13/2015	Common Stock	500,000	
Stock appreciation right	\$ 50.445	08/27/2008		M	400,000	<u>(2)</u> 07/19/2016	Common Stock	400,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
IRANI RAY R C/O OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORP 10889 WILSHIRE BLVD LOS ANGELES, CA 90024	X		Chairman and CEO	

Signatures

/s/ CHRISTEL H. PAULI, Attorney-in-fact for Ray R.
Irani

08/27/2008

**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 stock appreciation right vested in three equal installments beginning on July 13, 2006.

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(2) The stock appreciation right vests in three equal installments beginning on July 19, 2007.

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