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

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** WHYTE JAMES N			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Intrepid Potash, Inc. [IPI]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			intrepia	Potasn, I	nc. [IPI]		(Check all applicabl	le)	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of	Earliest Tr	ansaction	, 11			
			(Month/D	ay/Year)		Direc	tor 10 ^o	% Owner	
C/O INTREI	PID POTASH,	INC., 707	03/05/20)12			cer (give title Oth	ner (specify	
17TH STRE	ET, SUITE 420	00				below)	below) EVP of HR & Risk M	Igmt	
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
			Filed(Mon	th/Day/Year)	Applicable I		lowa o m	
DENVER, C	CO 80202						led by One Reporting F led by More than One R		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative Securities Ac	quired, Disp	osed of, or Beneficia	ally Owned	
1.Title of	2. Transaction D	ate 2A. Dee	med	3.	4. Securities	5. Amount o	of 6. Ownership	7. Nature of	
Security	(Month/Day/Yea	r) Execution	on Date, if	Transaction	onAcquired (A) or	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		anv		Code	Disposed of (D)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	

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		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership	
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
					(A)		Reported			
					(A)		Transaction(s)			
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common	02/05/2012		·		. ,	\$ 0	40.527 (2)	D		
Stock	03/05/2012		A	4,830	Α	(1)	40,527 (2)	D		
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Common							220		By son's	
							230		custodial	

custodial 230 Stock account Common I 160 By son

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. Number proof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	vative Expiration Date ies (Month/Day/Year) ed ed of		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8 1 9 (
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Performance Units (TSR)	(3)	03/05/2012		A	1,207	(3)	(3)(5)	Common Stock	1,207	
Performance Units (Production)	<u>(4)</u>	03/05/2012		A	1,207	<u>(4)</u>	(4)(5)	Common Stock	1,207	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 5	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
WHYTE JAMES N			EVD C				
C/O INTREPID POTASH, INC.			EVP of				
707 17TH STREET, SUITE 4200			HR & Risk				
DENVER, CO 80202			Mgmt				

Signatures

/s/ Margaret E. McCandless, as attorney-in-fact 03/07/2012

**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) Represents a grant of restricted stock that will vest in three equal annual installments beginning on February 25, 2013, subject to the reporting person's continued employment with the company through the vesting date.
- (2) Represents 26,422 unrestricted shares of common stock and 14,105 cshares of restricted stock.
- (3) Each performance unit initially represents a contingent right to receive one share of company common stock. The performance units will vest in three equal annual installments beginning on February 25, 2013, subject to the reporting person's continued employment with the company through the vesting date. Upon vesting, each performance unit will be settled in a number of shares of common stock ranging from 0% to 150% of the performance unit depending on the company's relative total shareholder return in 2012 as compared to a group of

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selected peer companies and an index. The performance units also vest in the event of a qualifying change of control and vest on a limited basis in the case of death or disability.

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- (4) company through the vesting date. Upon vesting, each performance unit will be settled in a number of shares of common stock ranging from 0% to 150% of the performance unit depending on the company's actual production results as compared to budget. The performance units also vest in the event of a qualifying change of control and vest on a limited basis in the case of death or disability.
- (5) The performance units will be forfeited upon a termination of employment for any reason other than death and disability.

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