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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

24,904

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction

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Symbol

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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Stock

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

				CALLON PETROLEUM CO [CPE]				(Check all applicable)				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 200 NORTH CANAL STREET			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/21/2012				_X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman, President, CEO					
(Street) NATCHEZ, MS 391203212				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				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)	Tabl	e I - No	n-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acq	uired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	ally Owned
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Day/Yea	r) Execution	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transa Code (Instr.	8)	4. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
	Common Stock	08/21/2012			C		12,625	A	\$ 3.7	165,189	D	
	Common Stock	08/21/2012			F		9,762	D	\$ 5.53	155,427	D	
	Common Stock									36,961 <u>(1)</u>	I	401(k) Account
	Common Stock									25,215	I	By Custodian For Child
	Common									24 904	ī	Spouse

Spouse

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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)	2 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Secu Acq or D (D)	urities uired (A) Disposed of tr. 3, 4,	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 Shares
2012 Restricted Stock Units - Cash	\$ 5.09						05/08/2015	05/08/2015	Common Stock	26,690
2012 Restricted Stock Units - Stock	\$ 5.09						05/08/2015	05/01/2015	Common Stock	151,24
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.7	08/21/2012		C		12,625	02/24/2003	08/23/2012	Common Stock	12,625
2010 Phantom Shares (2)	\$ 4.95						11/08/2010	12/31/2012	Common Stock	62,500
2010 Restricted Stock Units - Cash (3)	\$ 4.95						11/08/2010	05/07/2013	Common Stock	18,750
2010 Restricted Stock Units - Stock (4)	\$ 4.95						11/08/2010	05/07/2013	Common Stock	106,25
2011 Phantom	\$ 7.01						05/12/2012	12/31/2013	Common Stock	55,000

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,	Shares (5)					
] (2011 Restricted Stock Units - Cash (6)	\$ 7.01	05/12/2012	05/12/2014	Common Stock	16,500
] (2011 Restricted Stock Units - Stock (7)	\$ 7.01	05/12/2012	05/12/2014	Common Stock	93,500
1	2012 Phantom Shares (8)	\$ 5.09	12/31/2014	12/31/2014	Common Stock	177,93

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
CALLON FRED L			Chairman,				
200 NORTH CANAL STREET	X		President,				
NATCHEZ, MS 391203212			CEO				

Signatures

By: Clay V. Bland as Attorney-in-fact for 08/23/2012

**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).
- The number of shares reported are held within the individual's 401(k) account and are invested in the Callon Petroleum Company (1) Employee Savings and Protection Plan. The share count reported is obtained from the financial institution responsible for the plan administration, and has been adjusted for shares acquired or sold within the plan since the reporting individual's last Form 4 filing.
- This Phantom Share award is subject to vesting on December 31, 2012 and is payable in cash rather than stock. In addition, the award is subject to a variable percentage payout based on a performance criteria related to the Total Shareholder Return of the Company compared to a group of peer companies. Therefore this award can range from 0% to as much as 150% of its original value at the vesting date.
- (3) Restricted Stock Units will vest on the third anniversary date following the grant date. Payment will be made in cash based on the average of the opening and closing market price of the underlying common stock of the issuer on the date of vesting.
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- (6) Restricted Stock Units will vest on the third anniversary date following the grant date. Payment will be made in cash based on the average of the opening and closing market price of the underlying common stock on the date of vesting.

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- (7) Restricted Stock Units will vest on the third anniversary date following the grant date. Payment will be made in shares of common stock of the issuer based on the average of the opening and closing market price of the underlying common stock on the date of vesting.
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