FORM 4

obligations may continue. See

Instruction 1(b)

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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT	OF CHANGES	IN BENEFICIAL	<b>OWNERSHIP</b>

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  KAGAN PETER  (Last) (First) (Middle)  C/O WARBURG PINCUS LLC  450 LEXINGTON AVENUE					3. I 08	Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol     Laredo Petroleum Holdings, Inc. [ LPI ]      Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)     08/20/2012  A If Amendment Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)					wner	
(Street) NEW Y(		Y State)	1001' (Zip)	7	-	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									5. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
		Tak	le I -	Non-Deriv	vativ	e Sec	uritie	s Ac	cqui	red, I	Dis	sposed o	of, or	Benefic	iall	y Owne	ed				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Ye.					2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		e,	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and			d (A) or . 3, 4 and 5	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
								Code	v	An	mount	(A) or Price		- [-	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)						
Common Stock 08/20/2				08/20/20	12	2			A			446(1)	A	\$22.41	1)	12,412		1	D		
Common Stock															101,884,117		I <sup>(2)</sup>		See foo	tnotes <sup>(3)(4)</sup>	
	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)	Derivative Security  Derivative Security  Date (Month/Day/Year)  Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			action (Instr.			Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			te ear) Expiration	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amoun or Number of Title Shares		Di Si (li	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)  Security Benefic Owned Followi Reporte Transac (Instr. 4		ve Ownersi les Form: Direct (I or Indire (I) (Instri		D) ect	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		

# Explanation of Responses:

- 1. These restricted shares are granted under the Issuer's 2011 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan in lieu of cash payments for director fees at the election of the director.
- 2. The stockholders of the Issuer are Warburg Pincus Private Equity IX, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("WP IX", and together with an affiliated partnership, the "WP IX Funds"), and Warburg Pincus Private Equity X O&G, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (together with an affiliated partnership, the "WP X Funds"). The total number of shares of Common Stock of the Issuer owned by the WP IX Funds is 81,193,140 shares of Common Stock and the total number of shares of Common Stock of the Issuer owned by the WP X Funds is 20,690,977 shares of Common Stock. Together, the WP IX Funds and the WP X Funds own 101,884,117 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer.
- 3. Warburg Pincus IX LLC, a New York limited liability company ("WP IX GP"), is the general partner of WP IX. Warburg Pincus X, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("WP X GP"), is the general partner of the WP X Funds. Warburg Pincus X LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("WP X LLC"), is the general partner of WP X GP. Warburg Pincus Partners LLC, a New York limited liability company ("WP Partners"), is the sole member of WP IX GP and WP X LLC. Warburg Pincus & Co., a New York general partnership ("WP"), is the managing member of WP Partners. Warburg Pincus LLC, a New York limited liability company ("WP LLC"), manages the WP IX Funds and the WP X Funds. Charles R. Kaye and Joseph P. Landy are the Managing General Partners of WP and the Co-Presidents and Managing Members of WP LLC.
- 4. Mr. Kagan, a director of the Issuer, is a Partner of WP and a Managing Director and Member of WP LLC. Because of Mr. Kagan's affiliation with the Warburg Pincus entities, he may be deemed to have an indirect pecuniary interest (within the meaning of Rule 16a-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) in an indeterminate portion of the shares of Common Stock of the Issuer owned by the WP IX Funds and the WP X Funds. Mr. Kagan disclaims beneficial ownership of all shares of Common Stock of the Issuer in which he does not have a direct pecuniary interest.

## Remarks:

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

/s/ Kenneth E. Dornblaser, as attorney-in-fact for Peter R.

08/22/2012

Kagan

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* 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).

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### **POWER OF ATTORNEY**

### For Executing Forms 3, 4 and 5

The undersigned, Peter R. Kagan, hereby constitutes and appoints Kenneth E. Dornblaser and W. Mark Womble, each, individually or jointly, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, to have full power and authority to act in his name, place and stead and on the undersigned's behalf to:

- 1. execute and deliver for and on behalf of the undersigned Forms 3, 4 and 5 (including any amendments, corrections, supplements or other changes thereto) in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "*Exchange Act*"), and the rules thereunder, but only to the extent each form relates to the undersigned's beneficial ownership of securities of Laredo Petroleum Holdings, Inc. or any of its subsidiaries;
- 2. do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned that may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4 or 5 and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange, self-regulatory association or any other authority; and
- 3. take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing, which, in the opinion of each such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required of, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve, in his discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary and proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as such attorney-in-fact might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that the attorneys-in-fact, or his substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is Laredo Petroleum Holdings, Inc. assuming, (i) any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with the requirements of the Exchange Act or any liability for the undersigned's failure to comply with such requirements or (ii) any obligation or liability that the undersigned incurs for profit disgorgement under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 (including any amendments, corrections, supplements or other changes thereto) with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by Laredo Petroleum Holdings, Inc. unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact. This Power of Attorney does not revoke any other power of attorney that the undersigned has previously granted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 5th day of December, 2011.

By: /S/ Peter R. Kagan Peter R. Kagan

Signature Page to Power of Attorney for Executing Forms 3, 4 and 5