## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Womble W Mark					2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  Laredo Petroleum Holdings, Inc. [ LPI ]									neck all app Direc	olicable)		Issuer Owner r (specify		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 15 W. SIXTH STREET, SUITE 1800						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/19/2011									X belo	w) ``	belov P and CFO		
(Street) TULSA (City)	OI (St		74119 Zip)		4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Lin	e) X Forr Forr	ridual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person			
		Tabl	e I - Nor	-Deriv	ative	Sec	curitie	s Acc	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, or	Bene	ficia	lly Own	ed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da					Execution Date,			3. Transaction Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5)				d Secur Benef	icially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership				
								Code	v	Amount (A)		N) or D)	Price	Transa	action(s) 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock 1				12/19	/2011		J <sup>(1)</sup>		258,240		A	\$0 <sup>(3</sup>	2	258,240					
	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)	if any	cution Date, y thth/Day/Year)  Transact Code (In 8)			5. Nu of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) o Dispo of (D) (Instrance and 5	ative rities ired osed	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Expiration Exercisable Date			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amoun or Numbe of		unt ber	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. These shares were received in connection with a corporate reorganization completed prior to the closing of the Issuer's initial public offering described in the prospectus dated December 14, 2011, in which Laredo Petroleum, LLC ("Laredo LLC") merged with the Issuer, with the Issuer being the surviving entity. In accordance with the limited liability company agreement of Laredo LLC, the reporting person received common stock of the Issuer in exchange for his vested and unvested units in Laredo LLC. The number of shares that the reporting person received was based on the value that the reporting person would have received under the distribution provisions of the Laredo LLC agreement upon a liquidation of Laredo LLC at a liquidation value determined by reference to the initial offering price. To the extent any such units were subject to vesting requirements, the common stock issued in exchange therefor is also subject to such requirements.

> /s/ Kenneth E. Dornblaser, as attorney-in-fact for W. Mark **Womble**

12/21/2011

Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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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