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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

| Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Pierce Pamela S</u> | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Laredo Petroleum Holdings, Inc.</u> [LPI] | | | | | | | | (Check all a | | | g Person(s) to 10% | lssuer Owner | | |
|---|--|---------|--|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|--|------|---|--------|------------------|---|--------|---|---|--|---------------|----------------|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 15 W. SIXTH STREET | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/20/2012 | | | | | | | | | | Officer (give title below) | | Othe below | (specify y) |
| (Street) TULSA OK 74119 | | | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transacti Date (Month/Day | | | | | | Execution Date, | | | | es Acquired (A) o Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a | | | and 5) Se Be Ov | | ount of ities icially d Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | ount (A) or Pric | | Price | | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | (11150.1.4) |
| Common | Stock | | | 08/20/2 | 2012 | | | A | | 446(1) | A \$22 | | \$22.4 | 84,663 | | D | | | |
| | 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 (Month/Day/Year) Price of Derivative Security 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day/Y | | n Date, | | Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 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 Title Shares | | nstr. 3 | | | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 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.

/s/ Kenneth E. Dornblaser, as attorney-in-fact for Pamela S.

08/22/2012

Pierce

** 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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