

CALLON PETROLEUM CO  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**WILSON RICHARD O**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
200 NORTH CANAL STREET  
(Street)  
NATCHEZ, MS 391203212

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**CALLON PETROLEUM CO [CPE]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/20/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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                    | 05/20/2008                           | 05/20/2008   | M                              | V 5,000 A \$ 9.47   | 82,655  | I  | Shares Held By Ltd Partnership                        |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 6,819   | I  | Trust Account   |

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 9.47  | 05/20/2008                           | 05/20/2008   | M                              | V 5,000   | 11/29/1998   | 05/29/2008  | Common Stock | 5,000                      |
| 2004 Performance Shares                    | \$ 13.71   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/05/2005 <sup>(1)</sup>                                | 07/14/2014  | Common Stock | 10,000                     |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 10.97   |                                      |  |                                |   | 10/30/1999   | 04/23/2009  | Common Stock | 5,000                      |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 13.56   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/10/2000   | 05/10/2010  | Common Stock | 5,000                      |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 10.5  |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/25/2001   | 07/25/2010  | Common Stock | 20,000                     |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 11.61   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/05/2001   | 05/04/2011  | Common Stock | 5,000                      |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 6.05  |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/09/2002   | 05/08/2012  | Common Stock | 5,000                      |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 12.4  |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/08/2004   | 05/06/2014  | Common Stock | 5,000                      |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)                | \$ 13.71   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/05/2005   | 05/05/2015  | Common Stock | 5,000                      |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(2)</sup> | \$ 14.37   |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/03/2007   | 05/03/2017  | Common Stock | 5,000                      |
| Stock                                      | \$ 5.12  |                                      |  |                                |   | 11/03/2003   | 05/02/2013  | Common       | 5,000                      |

Options  
(Right to  
Buy)

Stock

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                      | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| WILSON RICHARD O<br>200 NORTH CANAL STREET<br>NATCHEZ, MS 391203212 |               |           | X       |       |

## Signatures

By: Robert A. Mayfield as  
Attorney-in-fact for

05/23/2008

\_\_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) Performance Stock awarded July 14, 2004. These shares vest in five equal annual installments beginning on July 14, 2005.
  - (2) In accordance with the award document, these options become exercisable six months from the issue date and shall expire ten years from the issue date.

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