FORM 4

obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* KAGAN PETER							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Laredo Petroleum Holdings, Inc. [LPI]										ationship of Report all applicable) Director		ng Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner			
(Last) C/O WA	RBURG		CUS LLC,	Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/17/2012										Officer (g below)		r (give title)		Other (specify below)	
(Street) NEW Y(NY (Sta	1	.0017 Zip)		4. If										i. Indivi ine) X	Form	al or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable orm filed by One Reporting Person orm filed by More than One Reporting erson				
			Tabl	e I - N	on-Deriv	/ative	Sec	uritie	s Ac	quire	d, Di	sposed o	f, or	Ber	nefici	ally (Dwne	ed				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day)				Execution Da		Oate,	3. Transaction Code (Instr.						and 5) Secur Benef Owne		ies cially Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership				
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D) Price		Price	- 11	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock")				2012	012		S		14,375,000		D	\$19.44		87,509,117			I ⁽¹⁾	See footnote ⁽²⁾				
Common Stock											12,412			D								
			Та	ble II								osed of, convertib					ned					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion Exercised Price of Derivative Security	sion cise f ive	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	if any	emed ion Date, /Day/Year)	4. Transa Code (8)				Expira	e Exerc ation Da h/Day/\		or		nstr. 3	Deriv Secu	Price of erivative ecurity nstr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Owners Form: Direct (or Indir (I) (Inst	Ownership	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
						Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exerci	sable	Expiration Date	Title	of								

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. See Exhibit 99.1; Note 1.
- 2. See Exhibit 99.1; Note 2.

Remarks:

Exhibit List: Exhibit 24.0 - Power of Attorney Exhibit 99.1 - Explanation of Responses *** Power of Attorney given by Mr. Kagan filed as Exhibit 24.0 hereto.

/s/ Scott A. Arenare, By: Scott

Arenare, Attorney-in-

10/19/2012

fact***, Name: Peter Kagen

** 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

The undersigned, Peter R. Kagan, hereby constitutes and appoints each of Scott A. Arenare, Timothy J. Curt and Steven G. Glenn, acting 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 as his true and lawful attorney-in-fact 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;
- (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 Forms 3, 4 or 5 (including any amendments, corrections, supplements or other changes thereto) and timely file such Forms with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange, self-regulatory association or any other authority or person as may be required by law; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of 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 such attorney-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 either Warburg Pincus LLC, or any affiliates or subsidiaries thereof, 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 continue in full force and effect until revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact or by such attorneys-in-fact in a signed writing delivered to the undersigned. This Power of Attorney does not revoke any other power of attorney that the undersigned has previously granted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Power of Attorney this 7th day of September, 2012.

Signature: <u>/s/ Peter R. Kagan</u>
Name: Peter R. Kagan

Designated Filer: Issuer & Ticker Symbol: Date of Event Requiring

Statement:

Peter Kagan
Laredo Petroleum Holdings, Inc. [LPI]

October 17, 2012

Explanation of Responses:

(1) The stockholders of Laredo Petroleum Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation (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 69,737,464 shares of Common Stock and the total number of shares of Common Stock of the Issuer owned by the WP X Funds is 17,771,653 shares of Common Stock. Together, the WP IX Funds and the WP X Funds own 87,509,117 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer.

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 and may be deemed to control the WP IX Funds, WP IX GP, the WP X Funds, WP X GP, WP X LLC, WP Partners, WP and WP LLC.

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 (the "Exchange Act")) 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. This Form 4 shall not be deemed an admission that any reporting person or any other person referred to herein is a beneficial owner of any securities of the Issuer for purposes of Section 16 of the Exchange Act, or for any other purpose or that any reporting person or other person has an obligation to file this Form 4.