

CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC  
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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 \*  
MCCAIN ELLIS L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC  
[CLR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
P.O. BOX 1032, 302 N.  
INDEPENDENCE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/21/2011

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

ENID, OK 73702

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/21/2011		S	6,667 D \$ 66.1	29,655 (1)	D	

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)**

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 3)
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable      Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

### Reporting Owners

<b>Reporting Owner Name / Address</b>	<b>Relationships</b>			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCCAIN ELLIS L P.O. BOX 1032 302 N. INDEPENDENCE ENID, OK 73702	X			

### Signatures

/s/ Eric S. Eissenstat, Attorney-in-Fact	12/22/2011
**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) Includes 3,333 shares of restricted common stock which vest on January 2, 2012; 3,333 shares of restricted common stock which vest on January 2, 2013; 3,333 shares of restricted common stock which vest on January 2, 2014; and 4,723 shares of restricted common stock which vest on May 25, 2015.

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