

CALLON PETROLEUM CO  
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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 \*  
Gatto Joseph C. Jr.

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
200 NORTH CANAL STREET  
(Street)

NATCHEZ, MS 39120

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/13/2016

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)  
Senior VP / CFO / Treasurer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	05/15/2016	05/15/2016	M	40,095	A \$ 0	125,577	D
Common Stock	05/15/2016	05/15/2016	F	16,820	D \$ 10.81	108,757	D
Common Stock	05/15/2016	05/15/2016	M	7,075	A 11	115,832	D
Common Stock	05/15/2016	05/15/2016	D	7,075	D \$ 10.9	108,757	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.



## Explanation of Responses:

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- (1) The terms of this Phantom Unit award specify payment in cash rather than in common shares. The value of each vested unit is equal to the average of the opening and closing price of the company's common stock on the vesting date.
- (2) The award terms specify cliff vesting three years from the date of the award.
- (3) The terms of this Phantom Unit award specify payment in cash rather than in common shares.
- (4) Each share of phantom stock is the economic equivalent of one share of the company's common stock.

(5) This Performance Based Unit award is subject to a variable number of units vesting based on a performance criteria related to the total shareholder return of the company compared to a group of peer companies. The number of units subject to vest under this award can range from 0% to as much as 200%. The award terms also specify that upon vesting 50% of the vested units will be payable in common shares and 50% will be payable in cash.

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