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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SAUER JON W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

APACHE CORP [APA]

(Check all applicable)

2000 POST OAK BOULEVARD,

(Street)

(First)

(Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

SUITE 100

05/07/2010

below) below) Vice President

4. If Amendment, Date Original

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

HOUSTON, TX 77056

(City) (State) (Zip) 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

(Middle)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number Transaction of Derivative Expiration Date Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8 **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8		Acquired (A) or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, and 5)	l of				
				Code '	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock / Units (1)	\$ 0 (2)	05/07/2010		M		1,962		(3)	(3)	Common Stock (4)	1,962
Option (Buy \$99.30) (1)	\$ 99.3	05/07/2010		M		4,854		(5)	05/05/2020	Common Stock (4)	4,854

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SAUER JON W 2000 POST OAK BOULEVARD, SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77056

Vice President

Signatures

Cheri L. Peper, Attorney-in-Fact

**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) With tandem tax withholding right
- (2) One share of Apache common stock for each restricted stock unit.
- (3) Restricted units granted 05/05/2010 under employer plan data received from plan administrator on 05/07/2010. The units vest 25% per year on 06/01/2011, 05/05/2012, 05/05/2013 and 05/05/2014.
- The shares of common stock of Apache are deemed to also represent certain preferred stock purchase rights ('Rights'). The Rights are not currently exercisable or separately tradable and presently are evidenced by certificates for shares of the common stock. Value attributable to such Rights, if any, is reflected in the market price of the common stock.
- (5) Stock option granted 05/05/2010 under employer plan data received from the plan administrator on 05/07/2010. Exercisable ratably over four years beginning 05/05/2011.

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