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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Israel Robert I | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol W&T OFFSHORE INC [WTI] | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)XDirector10% Owner | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) NINE GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 300 | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/08/2012 | | | | | | | | Office | r (give title belo | ow) | Other (specify | pelow) |
| (Street) HOUSTON, TX 77046 | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (City | | (State) | (Zip) | | | Tal | hla I - Non | _Dori | vativa | Socurities | Acqui | rad Diene | sed of or I | Ranaficially | Owned | |
| (Instr. 3) Date | | | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year | 2A. Deemed 3. Tran Execution Date, if Code | | | 3. Transa Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D | | | uired of (D) | d 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
| | | | | | | | Code | V | Amour | (A) or (D) | Price | | | | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) |
| COMMO | ON STOCE | ζ | 05/08/2012 | | | | A | | 3,659 | A | \$0 | 26,695 | | | D | |
| | | | Table II - | | | | | d, Di | sposed o | of, or Ben | eficial | | 5.11.D 60111 | rol numbe | | |
| | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Yo | 3A. Deemed Execution Da | te, if | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. 6. Da Number and l | | Date Exercisable Expiration Date Expiration Date Expiration Date | | 7. Ti Amo Undo Secu | tle and ount of erlying rities r. 3 and | | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction ((Instr. 4) | Owners Form o Derivat Security Direct (or Indir | ive Ownershi (Instr. 4) (D) rect |
| | | | | _ | Code | | (A) (D) | Date Exerc | | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Repor | ting O | wners | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Reporting Owner Name / Address | | | | | 10% | | | | | | | | | | | |

Signatures

HOUSTON, TX 77046

Israel Robert I

| /s/ Thomas F Getten, attorney-in-fact | 05/09/2012 |
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| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

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Owner

Director

X

Officer

Other

Explanation of Responses:

NINE GREENWAY PLAZA, SUITE 300

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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