

VAN DOREN DIRK M.  
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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 \*  
VAN DOREN DIRK M.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SANDRIDGE ENERGY INC [SD]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
123 ROBERT S. KERR AVENUE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
07/20/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive VP and CFO

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

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

OKLAHOMA  
CITY, OK 73102-6406

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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   |  |                                   |
|                                 |                                      |  | Code V                         | Amount  |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/20/2010                           |  | F                              | 13,286<br>(1)   | \$ 6.43   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 6,004   | I  | by 401(k)                         |

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 (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 Beneficially (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                                       |

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

VAN DOREN DIRK M.  
123 ROBERT S. KERR AVENUE  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73102-6406

Executive VP and CFO

## Signatures

By: Gaye A. Wilkerson, Power of Attorney

07/22/2010

\_\_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).

On July 16, 2010, Steel Subsidiary Corporation ("Merger Sub"), a wholly owned subsidiary of SandRidge Energy, Inc. (the "Company"), merged with and into Arena Resources, Inc. ("Arena"), in accordance with that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of April 3, 2010, among the Company, Merger Sub and Arena, as amended. The merger transaction constituted a "Change in Control" under the (1) SandRidge Energy, Inc. Nonqualified Excess Plan (the "NQ Plan"). As a result of the Change in Control, the reporting person received a distribution from the NQ Plan. This distribution consisted of cash and shares of the Company's common stock, all of which was subject to tax withholding. The Board of Directors of the Company permitted the executive officers to satisfy the portion of such shares withheld by the Company sufficient to satisfy this tax withholding obligation.

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