

Little Thomas Mitchell  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *<br>^ Little Thomas Mitchell<br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><br>C/O MARATHON OIL CORPORATION, ^ 5555 SAN FELIPE STREET<br>(Street)<br><br>HOUSTON, ^ TX ^ 77056<br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br>01/25/2013 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>MARATHON OIL CORP [MRO] | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br><br>(Check all applicable)<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>(give title below) (specify below)<br>Vice President (See Remarks) | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4)    | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Marathon Oil Corporation Common Stock | 20,199   | 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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
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|                                      | Date Exercisable          | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |   |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/30/2010                | 05/30/2017      | Common Stock | 7,661                      | \$ 38.25 | D                                     | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/28/2011                | 05/28/2018      | Common Stock | 5,908                      | \$ 32.06 | D                                     | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/27/2012                | 05/27/2019      | Common Stock | 6,836                      | \$ 18.32 | D                                     | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/27/2010                | 05/27/2019      | Common Stock | 6,837                      | \$ 18.32 | D                                     | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/26/2011                | 05/26/2020      | Common Stock | 6,565                      | \$ 19.03 | D                                     | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/26/2012 <sup>(1)</sup> | 05/26/2020      | Common Stock | 13,133                     | \$ 19.03 | D                                     | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 05/25/2012 <sup>(2)</sup> | 05/25/2021      | Common Stock | 18,947                     | \$ 33.06 | D                                     | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 08/31/2012 <sup>(3)</sup> | 08/31/2021      | Common Stock | 2,309                      | \$ 26.92 | D                                     | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 02/28/2013 <sup>(4)</sup> | 02/28/2022      | Common Stock | 5,009                      | \$ 35.06 | D                                     | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| Little Thomas Mitchell<br>C/O MARATHON OIL CORPORATION<br>5555 SAN FELIPE STREET<br>HOUSTON, TX 77056 | Â             | Â         | Â Vice President (See Remarks) | Â     |

## Signatures

Richard J. Kolencik, Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas Mitchell  
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02/01/2013

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Vests in cumulative annual installments of 6,565 and 6,568 shares on May 26, 2012 and 2013, respectively.
- (2) Vests in cumulative annual installments of 6,315, 6316 and 6,316 shares on May 25, 2012, 2013 and 2014, respectively.
- (3) Vests in cumulative annual installments of 769, 770 and 770 shares on August 31, 2012, 2013 and 2014, respectively.
- (4) Vests in cumulative annual installments of 1,669, 1,670 and 1,670 shares on February 28, 2013, 2014 and 2015, respectively.

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**Remarks:**

ViceÂ President-InternationalÂ ProductionÂ Operations

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