

WHYTE JAMES N  
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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 \*  
WHYTE JAMES N

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Intrepid Potash, Inc. [IPI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/05/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

EVP of HR & Risk Mgmt

C/O INTREPID POTASH, INC., 707  
17TH STREET, SUITE 4200

(Street)

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

DENVER, CO 80202

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 03/05/2012                           |  | A                              | V Amount (A) or (D) Price \$ 0 (1)                                | 4,830 A 40,527 (2)  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 230   | I  | By son's custodial account                            |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 160   | I  | By son  |

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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Performance Units (TSR)                    | (3)  | 03/05/2012                           |  | A                              | 1,207   | (3) (3)(5)   | Common Stock  | 1,207                         |
| Performance Units (Production)             | (4)  | 03/05/2012                           |  | A                              | 1,207   | (4) (4)(5)   | Common Stock  | 1,207                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| WHYTE JAMES N<br>C/O INTREPID POTASH, INC.<br>707 17TH STREET, SUITE 4200<br>DENVER, CO 80202 |               |           | EVP of<br>HR & Risk<br>Mgmt |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Margaret E. McCandless, as attorney-in-fact 03/07/2012

\*\*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) Represents a grant of restricted stock that will vest in three equal annual installments beginning on February 25, 2013, subject to the reporting person's continued employment with the company through the vesting date.
- (2) Represents 26,422 unrestricted shares of common stock and 14,105 cshares of restricted stock.
- (3) Each performance unit initially represents a contingent right to receive one share of company common stock. The performance units will vest in three equal annual installments beginning on February 25, 2013, subject to the reporting person's continued employment with the company through the vesting date. Upon vesting, each performance unit will be settled in a number of shares of common stock ranging from 0% to 150% of the performance unit depending on the company's relative total shareholder return in 2012 as compared to a group of

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selected peer companies and an index. The performance units also vest in the event of a qualifying change of control and vest on a limited basis in the case of death or disability.

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- (5) The performance units will be forfeited upon a termination of employment for any reason other than death and disability.

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