

MERIDIAN RESOURCE CORP

Form 3

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**FORM 3****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting  
Person \*

Â Larberg Gregory Martin

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring  
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

01/02/2008

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

MERIDIAN RESOURCE CORP [TMR]

4. Relationship of Reporting  
Person(s) to Issuer5. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer ☐ Other  
(give title below) (specify below)6. Individual or Joint/Group  
Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting  
Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One  
Reporting Person1401 ENCLAVE  
PKWY,Â SUITE 300

(Street)

HOUSTON,Â TXÂ 77077

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**1. Title of Security  
(Instr. 4)2. Amount of Securities  
Beneficially Owned  
(Instr. 4)3. Ownership  
Form:  
Direct (D)  
or Indirect  
(I)  
(Instr. 5)4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial  
Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

Common Stock

13,000

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially  
owned directly or indirectly.

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Security  
(Instr. 4)2. Date Exercisable and  
Expiration Date  
(Month/Day/Year)

Date Exercisable

3. Title and Amount of  
Securities Underlying  
Derivative Security  
(Instr. 4)

Title

4. Conversion  
or Exercise  
Price of  
Derivative  
Security5. Ownership  
Form of  
Derivative  
Security:  
Direct (D)6. Nature of Indirect  
Beneficial  
Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

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	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
Stock option	01/02/2008 <sup>(1)</sup> 01/02/2013	Common Stock 15,000 \$ 1.79	D Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Larberg Gregory Martin 1401 ENCLAVE PKWY SUITE 300 HOUSTON, TX 77077	Â X	Â	Â	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Gregory M.  
Larberg 01/11/2008

\_\_Signature of Date  
Reporting Person

## 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) Grant to reporting person of option to buy 15,000 shares of common stock under the The Meridian Resource Corporation Directors' Stock Option Plan in transaction exempt from old rule 16b-3. 25% of the shares of common stock covered by any such directors' option vest one year after the date of grant, an additional 25% of such shares of common stock vest after two years and all the remaining shares of common stock vest three years after grant.

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