HERRINGTON MURPHY B

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HERRINGTON MURPHY B			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			VINTAGE PETROLEUM INC [VPI]	(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
110 WEST SEVENTH STREET, SUITE 2300			01/30/2006	Vice President-Acquisitions			
(Street) TULSA, OK 74119			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Ac	equired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			
1.Title of	2. Transaction	Date 2A. Dec	emed 3. 4. Securities Acquired	*			

		Tuble 1 Mon Derivative Securities Required, Disposed of, of Beneficiary Owner						iy Owned	
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securit	ies Ac	quired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction(A) or Disposed of			Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(D)			Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4	4 and 5	5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
					(4)		Reported		
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common	01/30/2006		D	42,662	D	(1)	0	D	
Stock	01/30/2000		D	12,002	D	3-7	· ·	D	
Common Stock	01/30/2006		D	8,773 (2)	D	<u>(1)</u>	0	I	By 401(k) Plan

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 or 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.25	01/30/2006		D	16,000	03/16/2002	03/15/2009	Common Stock	16,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.5	01/30/2006		D	5,358	03/07/2000	03/06/2007	Common Stock	5,358

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	iciationismps					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

HERRINGTON MURPHY B
110 WEST SEVENTH STREET Vice

SUITE 2300 President-Acquisitions

TULSA, OK 74119

Signatures

Murphy B.

Herrington 01/31/2006

**Signature of Person Date

Reporting Person

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).
- Disposed of pursuant to the merger of Vintage Petroleum, Inc. with and into Occidental Transaction 1, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Occidental Petroleum Corporation ("Occidental") (the "Merger"), in exchange for the per share merger consideration consisting of \$20.00 in cash and 0.42 of a share of common stock of Occidental. The closing price of Occidental's common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on January 30, 2006, the effective date of the Merger, was \$94.47 per share.
- (2) Information is based on a plan statement dated as of January 23, 2006.

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(3) This option was cancelled in the Merger in exchange for a cash payment of \$57.975 with respect to each share otherwise issuable upon exercise of such option, less the exercise price of such option and any applicable withholding tax.

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