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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement Matador Resources Co [NONE] Nicklin David F (Month/Day/Year) 02/01/2012 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 5400 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE (Check all applicable) 1500 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Exe Director of Exploration Person DALLAS, TXÂ 75240 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Class A Common Stock 30,000 I See footnote (1) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		Title	Derivative Security	Security:	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	02/12/2013	Class A Common Stock	15,000	\$ 10	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	(3)	02/21/2020	Class A Common Stock	10,000	\$ 9	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
Treporting of the common framework	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Nicklin David F 5400 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1500 DALLAS, TX 75240	Â	Â	Exe Director of Exploration	Â	

Signatures

/s/ David F.
Nicklin

**Signature of Reporting Person

O1/28/2012

Date

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- * 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) Represents shares held of record by the reporting person's Individual Retirement Account.
- (2) The stock options are fully vested and exercisable as of the day of this report.
- (3) The stock options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on February 22, 2011.

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