Matador Resources Co Form 4 February 23, 2016

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Adams Craig N Issuer Symbol Matador Resources Co [MTDR] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 5400 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1500 02/19/2016 below) EVP - Land, Legal & Admin (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

DALLAS, TX 75240

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 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 Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price $71,060 \stackrel{(2)}{=} \stackrel{(3)}{=}$ Common 24,866 02/19/2016 \$0 D Α (4) (5) (6) (7) (1) Stock

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)

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed (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) (I	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 15	02/19/2016		A	62,137	(8)	02/18/2021	Common Stock	62,137

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Adams Craig N 5400 LBJ FREEWAY SUITE 1500 DALLAS, TX 75240

EVP - Land, Legal & Admin

Signatures

/s/ Craig N. Adams, by Kyle A. Ellis as attorney-in-fact

02/23/2016

Date

**Signature of 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).
- (1) Represents shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on February 19, 2016. Such shares of restricted stock will vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant, February 19, 2019.
- (2) Includes 1,804 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on April 30, 2015. Such shares of restricted stock will vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant, April 30, 2018.
- (3) Includes 4,375 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on January 21, 2015. Such shares of restricted stock will vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant, January 21, 2018.
- (4) Includes 4,300 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on March 7, 2014. Such shares of restricted stock will vest in two equal biennial installments beginning on the second anniversary of the date of grant, March 7, 2016.
- (5) Includes 1,586 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on February 11, 2014 that vest on the fourth anniversary of the date of grant, February 11, 2018.
- (6) Includes 15,000 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on March 8, 2013. Such shares of restricted stock will vest on the fourth anniversary of the date of grant, March 8, 2017.
- (7) Includes 2,500 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on September 28, 2012 that vest on the fourth anniversary of the date of grant, September 28, 2016.
- (8) The employee stock options vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant, February 19, 2019.

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