

Matador Resources Co
 Form 4
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF 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 *
 Adams Craig N

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 5400 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1500
 (Street)

DALLAS, TX 75240

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Matador Resources Co [MTDR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/15/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP - Land, Legal & Admin

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/15/2017		A	(A) or (D) V	26,486 (1)	A	\$ 0
				(A) or (D)	103,628 (4) (5) (6) (7)	(2) (3)	D

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. 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 27.26	02/15/2017		A	68,500	(8) 02/14/2023	Common Stock	68,500

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

02/17/2017

__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 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on February 15, 2017 that vest in equal annual installments on the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.
- (2) Includes 24,866 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on February 19, 2016 that vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant.
- (3) Includes 1,804 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on April 30, 2015 that vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant.
- (4) Includes 4,375 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on January 21, 2015 that vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant.
- (5) Includes 2,150 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on March 7, 2014 that vest on the fourth anniversary of the date of grant.
- (6) 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.
- (7) Includes 15,000 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on March 8, 2013 that vest on the fourth anniversary of the date of grant.
- (8) The employee stock options vest in equal annual installments on the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.

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