

Citadel Exploration, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
April 16, 2018

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**Form 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) April 16, 2018

**CITADEL EXPLORATION, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Nevada**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**000-54639**

(Commission File Number)

**27-1550482**

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

417 31<sup>st</sup> Street, Unit A, Newport Beach, CA 92663

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

(949) 612-8040

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### **Item 4.01 – Change in Registrant’s Certifying Accountant**

On April 13, 2018, Citadel Exploration, Inc. (“Company”) dismissed its auditor, Anton & Chia, LLP (“A&C”). None of A&C’s reports on the Company over the past two fiscal years ending December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2016 contained an adverse opinion or a disclaimer of opinion, or was qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope, or accounting principles, except for an “emphasis of matter” paragraph regarding a going concern uncertainty. The decision to dismiss A&C was approved by the Company’s Board of Directors. There were no disagreements with the A&C on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure.

The Company has hired Malone Baily, LLP as its new auditor. Their main office is located at 9801 Westheimer Rd, Suite 1100 Houston, TX 77042. [www.malonebaily.com](http://www.malonebaily.com)

The Company has provided a copy of the foregoing disclosures to Anton & Chia, LLP and requested that Anton & Chia, LLP furnish it with a letter addressed to the Securities and Exchange Commission stating whether Anton & Chia, LLP agrees with the above statements. A copy of Anton & Chia, LLP letter, dated April 13, 2018, is filed as Exhibit 16.1 to this Form 8-K.

#### **Item 9.01 – Financial Statements and Exhibits**

Exhibit No. Description of Exhibit

16.1 Letter from Anton & Chia, LLP to Securities and Exchange Commission – Dated April 13, 2018

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CITADEL EXPLORATION, INC.

By: /s/ Armen Nahabedian  
Armen Nahabedian  
Chief Executive Officer

Date: April 16, 2018

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