

Hairford Matthew V
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Hairford Matthew V

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/23/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 President

(Street)
 DALLAS, TX 75240

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Common Stock | 01/23/2018 | | M | V Amount (A) or (D) Price 58,750 A \$ 8.21 | 355,767 ⁽¹⁾ <u>(2) (3) (4)</u> | D | |
| Common Stock | 01/23/2018 | | F | 32,045 ₍₅₎ D \$ 33.3 | 323,722 ⁽¹⁾ <u>(2) (3) (4)</u> | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 5,000 | I | Represents shares held of record by the reporting person's Individual Retirement |

Account.

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 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 | \$ 8.21 | 01/23/2018 | | M | 58,750 | <u>(6)</u> 03/07/2018 | Common Stock | 58,750 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Hairford Matthew V 5400 LBJ FREEWAY SUITE 1500 DALLAS, TX 75240 | | | President | |

Signatures

/s/ Matthew V. Hairford, by Kyle A. Ellis as attorney-in-fact 01/25/2018

__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) Includes 36,317 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 31,992 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on February 19, 2016 that vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant.

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- (3) Includes 2,885 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on March 7, 2014 that vest on the fourth anniversary of the date of grant.
- (4) Includes 1,269 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on February 11, 2014 that vest on the fourth anniversary of the date of grant.
- (5) Represents shares withheld by the Issuer in connection with the reporting person's net share settlement to satisfy the exercise price and tax liability upon the exercise of 58,750 employee stock options that were granted to the reporting person on March 8, 2013. No shares were sold by the reporting person to satisfy the exercise price or the tax liability.
- (6) The employee stock options vested in two equal biennial installments and were fully vested as of March 8, 2017.

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