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March 12, 2013 FORM 4 Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b). MITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 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							Simple 3235-0283 Number: January 31 Expires: 2009 Estimated average burden hours per response 0.5				
(Print or Type]	Responses)										
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> 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) 5400 LBJ F	(First)	(Middle) TE 1500	(1, 1) $(1, 1)$ $(1, 2)$				Director X Officer (gi below)	10% Owner			
DALLAS, 7	(Street) TX 75240			ndment, Da nth/Day/Year	-			6. Individual or Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by Form filed by Person	One Reporting	Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	Oerivative S	Securi	ities Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Benefic	ially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year) Executio any	ned n Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) Code V	4. Securiti n(A) or Dis (D) (Instr. 3, 4 Amount	posed	l of	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	03/08/2013			A	25,000 (1)	A	\$ 0	$ \begin{array}{c} 185,675 \underline{(2)} \\ \underline{(3)} \underline{(4)} \end{array} $	D		
Common Stock								3,000	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	TransactionDerivative Code Securities		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares	
Employee Stock Option	\$ 8.21	03/08/2013		А	117,500	(5)	03/07/2018	Common Stock	117,50	

Reporting Owners

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

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

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

03/12/2013

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 March 8, 2013. Such shares of restricted stock will vest following the fourth anniversary of the date of grant, March 8, 2017.
- (2) Includes 8,125 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on April 16, 2012. Such shares of restricted stock will vest in two equal biennial installments beginning on the second anniversary of the date of grant, April 16, 2014.
- Includes 8,125 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on April 16, 2012. Such shares of restricted stock will vest(3) following the third anniversary of the date of grant, April 16, 2015, in an amount to be determined based upon the achievement of certain performance conditions as specified in the reporting person's award agreement.
- (4) Includes 8,125 restricted stock units granted to the reporting person on April 16, 2012. Such restricted stock units will vest, and an applicable number of shares of common stock will be deliverable to the reporting person, following the third anniversary of the date of grant, April 16, 2015, in an amount to be determined based upon the achievement of certain performance conditions as specified in the

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reporting person's award agreement.

(5) The employee stock options vest in two equal biennial installments beginning on the second anniversary of the date of grant, March 8, 2015.

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