SAExploration Holdings, Inc. Form 4

September 28, 2016

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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See Instruction 1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Scott Mike

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

SAExploration Holdings, Inc.

[SAEX]

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

09/26/2016

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

(City)

(Middle)

(Zip)

Director X_ Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

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below) Sr. VP

3333 8TH STREET SE, 3RD **FLOOR**

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

D

Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Reported

Code V Amount (D) Price

382

Common 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)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/	Date	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units (1)	<u>(2)</u>	09/26/2016		A	33,743	(3)	09/26/2019	Common Stock	33,743
Stock Option (Right to Buy) (4)	\$ 10.19 (5)	09/26/2016		A	33,743	<u>(6)</u>	09/26/2026	Common Stock	33,743

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Scott Mike							
3333 8TH STREET SE			Sr. VP				
3RD FLOOR			Sr. VP				
CALGARY, A0 T2G 3A4							

Signatures

/s/ Mike Scott 09/28/2016

**Signature of 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) The restricted stock units were issued pursuant to the SAExploration Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") 2016 Long Term Incentive Plan (the "LTIP") on September 26, 2016.
- Each restricted stock unit issued pursuant to the LTIP represents the right to receive, upon the applicable vesting date, either (i) a share of (2) Common Stock of the Company or (ii) an amount of cash equal to the value of a share of the Company's Common Stock on the date of transfer
- The restricted stock units will vest as follows: (i) 1/3 on the earliest to occur of certain events as defined in the LTIP, (ii) 1/3 on the (3) second anniversary of the Closing Date, as defined in the LTIP; and (iii) the remaining 1/3 on the third anniversary of the Closing Date, as defined in the LTIP.
- (4) The non-qualified stock options were issued were issued pursuant to the Company's LTIP on September 26, 2016.
- (5) The Exercise Price of the option is \$10.19 per share, which is equal to the VWAP per common share for the 30-day period that ends on the Grant Date, all terms as defined in the Company's LTIP.

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The stock option becomes exercisable as follows: (i) 1/3 of the Option on the earliest to occur of certain events as defined in the LTIP, (ii)

(6) 1/3 of the Option on the second anniversary of the Closing Date, as defined in the LTIP; and (iii) the remaining 1/3 of the Option on the third anniversary of the Closing Date, as defined in the LTIP.

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