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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement Matador Resources Co [MTDR] Goodwin Billy E (Month/Day/Year) 02/19/2016 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 5400 LBJ FREEWAY. SUITE (Check all applicable) 1500 (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting SVP - Operations Person DALLAS, TXÂ 75240 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â 52,955 (1) Common Stock D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

(Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		Title	Security	Direct (D)	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option	(2)	04/15/2017	Common Stock	20,833	\$ 10.49	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	(3)	03/11/2018	Common Stock	18,750	\$ 8.18	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	(4)	03/16/2019	Common Stock	11,033	\$ 22.66	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	(5)	01/20/2020	Common Stock	34,286	\$ 22.01	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
rg	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Goodwin Billy E 5400 LBJ FREEWAY SUITE 1500 DALLAS Â TXÂ 75240	Â	Â	SVP - Operations	Â	

Signatures

/s/ Billy E. Goodwin, by Kyle A. Ellis as attorney-in-fact

02/23/2016

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 2,604 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on April 16, 2012 that vest on the fourth anniversary of the date of grant, April 16, 2016.
- As of the date of this report, half of the employee stock options are vested and exercisable and half will vest on the fourth anniversary of the date of grant, April 16, 2016.
- (3) The employee stock options vest on the fourth anniversary of the date of grant, March 12, 2017.
- (4) The employee stock options vest in two equal biennial installments beginning on the second anniversary of the date of grant, March 17, 2016.
- (5) The employee stock options vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant, January 21, 2018.

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