FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Howard James M | | | 2. Date of Event Requi Statement (Month/Day) 01/01/2021 | tement (Month/Day/Year) Matador Resources Co [MTDR] | | | | | | | | |
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| (Last) 5400 LBJ FREEW SUITE 1500 | (First) /AY | (Middle) | | | | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner | | | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | |
| (Street) DALLAS | TX | 75240 | | | | Officer (give title below) | Other (specify below) | | | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | | | | 2. Amount Owned (In | of Securities Beneficially str. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 10,000 | D | | | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 50,000 | I | | Represents shares held of record by the reporting person's Individual Retirement Account | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 50,000(1) | I | | See footnote ⁽²⁾ | | | |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | | Expiration D | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | d 3. Title and Amount of Securities Under Security (Instr. 4) | | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of | | 5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | |
| | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | | Amount or Number of Shares | Derivati Security | ve | (Instr. 5) | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The reporting person states that neither the filing of this statement nor anything herein shall be deemed an admission that such person is, for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise, the beneficial owner of these shares. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

 2. Represents shares held of record by PBH Family Partners, Ltd., a family limited partnership owned by the reporting person's family, including the reporting person, and over which the reporting person and his spouse share voting and investment authority.

Remarks:

/s/ James M. Howard, by Kyle A. Ellis as 01/04/2021 attorney-in-fact

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

 * 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).

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SECTION 16 POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Joseph Wm. Foran, David Lancaster, Craig Adams, B:

(1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Matador Resources Company (the
(2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such 1

(3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of being the undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever:

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respecting the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 16th day of November, 2020.

/s/ James M. Howard James M. Howard