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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Foran Joseph Wm | | | | | Matador Resources Co [MTDR] | | | | | | | | S. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner | | | | | |
|--|----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---|----------|-----------------------------|--------------|---|---|--------------------------|--|---|------------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
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| (Street) | S ΤΣ | ς 5 | 75240 | | 4. If <i>i</i> | Amend | lment, Dai | te of Orio | e of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | n filed by C | oup Filing (Check Applicable One Reporting Person | | |
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| | | Tabl | e I - N | on-Deriv | ative | Secu | ırities <i>A</i> | Acquir | ed, D | isposed o | of, or B | Benefic | ciall | y Own | ed | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | 2. Transact Date (Month/Day | | Execu if any | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code | saction (Instr | n Disposed (| | Acquired (A) or f (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Follow Reported | | Form (D) or | : Direct Indirect str. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code V Amount | | (A) or (D) Price | | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common | Stock | | | 12/13/2 | 012 | | | P | | 5,000 | A | \$7.9 | 6(1) | 220,15 | 56 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾ | | D | |
| Common | Stock | 12/14 | | 12/14/2 | /14/2012 | | | P | | 5,000 | A | \$8 | 8 1,074,933 ⁽⁾ | | 4,933 ⁽⁵⁾ I | | T I | See footnote ⁽⁶⁾ |
| Common | Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | 10,0 |)00 ⁽⁵⁾ | | | See footnote ⁽⁷⁾ |
| Common | Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | 4,0 | 00 ⁽⁵⁾ | | | See footnote ⁽⁸⁾ |
| Common | Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1,208 | 3,640 ⁽⁵⁾ | | | See footnote ⁽⁹⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | 1,208,640 ⁽⁵⁾ | | | | See footnote ⁽¹⁰⁾ | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | 135,500 ⁽⁵⁾ | | | | See footnote ⁽¹¹⁾ | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | 50,000(5) | | | | See footnote ⁽¹²⁾ | | |
| | | Та | ble II | | | | | | | posed of, convertil | | | | Owned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security Conversion of Exercise Price of Derivative Security Conversion of Execution Date (Month/Day/Year) Conversion of Exercise (Month/Day/Year) Conversion of Exer | | on Date, | , Transaction Code (Ins. | | | | te Exe ation I th/Day | Date | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) | | S (I | | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | e s Illy | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | of Pesnons | | | | Code | v | (A) (D) | Date Exer | cisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | | |

- 1. The price reported is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$7.85 to \$8.05 per share, inclusive. The reporting person shall provide to the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Issuer, or any security holder of the Issuer, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price.
- 2. Includes 20,052 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.
- 3. Includes 20,052 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on April 16, 2012. Such shares of restricted stock will vest following April 15, 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 20,052 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 April 15, 2015, in an amount to be determined based upon the achievement of certain performance conditions as specified in the reporting person's award agreement.
- 5. 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.
- 6. Represents shares held of record by Sage Resources, Ltd., which is a limited partnership owned by the reporting person's family, including the reporting person.
- 7. Represents shares held of record by the reporting person's college age child.
- 8. Represents shares held of record by the reporting person's spouse through her Individual Retirement Account.
- 9. Represents shares held of record by the JWF 2011-1 GRAT, for which the reporting person is the trustee and over which the reporting person has sole voting and investment power.
- 10. Represents shares held of record by the NNF 2011-1 GRAT, for which the reporting person is the trustee and over which the reporting person has sole voting and investment power.
- 11. Represents shares held of record by The Don Foran Family Trust 2008, for which the reporting person is the co-trustee and over which the reporting person has shared voting and investment power with other members of his family.

12. Represents shares held of record by The Foran Family Special Needs Trust for which the reporting person is the co-trustee and over which the reporting person has shared voting and investment power with other members of his family.

Joseph Wm. Foran, by Kyle A. 12/14/2012 Ellis as 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 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).

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