FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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					or s	Section	1 30(h)	of the I	nvestme	ent Co	ompany Act	of 1940							
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Yates George M</u>						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol  Matador Resources Co [ MTDR ]								5. Relationship of Re (Check all applicable X Director			ing Pe	erson(s) to I	
	(Fii J FREEWA	•	(Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/28/2016										Officer (give title elow)		Other below	(specify
(Street)		ζ	75240		4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Line)  X Form filed by One Form filed by Mor Person				porting Pers	son		
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		Tab	le I - No	on-Deriv	/ative	Sec	uritie	s Ac	quired	l, Di	sposed o	f, or E	Benefi	ciall	y Owne	ed			
Date		2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Execution Date, 'ear) if any		Transaction Disposed Of Code (Instr. 5)		es Acquired (A) or Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 an			Beneficially Owned Following		Form: Direct		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership				
			Code V Amount (A) or (D) Price Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 3 and 4)		ion(s)			Instr. 4)											
Common	Stock			10/28/	2016				A		1,468(1)	A	\$	0	9,9	985		D	
Common	Stock														4,800,	000 <sup>(2)(3)</sup>		I 1	Represents shares neld by HEYCO Energy Group, Inc. <sup>(4)</sup>
Common	Stock													2,500 <sup>(2)</sup> I		I S	Represents shares neld by Spiral, Inc.		
		Ta	able II -								osed of, convertib				Owned				
Derivative Conversion Date Execution Date, or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any			snsaction de (Instr. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)					
					Code	v	V (A) (D)		Date Exercis	able	Expiration Date	Title	Numbe of Shares						

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Represents restricted stock units granted to the reporting person on October 28, 2016. Such restricted stock units will vest, and an equal number of shares of common stock will be deliverable to the reporting person, in equal annual installments on the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Represents shares acquired as consideration in the merger (the "Merger") of Harvey E. Yates Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of HEYCO Energy Group, Inc. ("HEYCO"), with and into a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Issuer. Includes 166,667 shares of common stock which are being held in an escrow account pursuant to the Merger. As Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of HEYCO, the reporting person will have ultimate voting and dispositive power with respect to all shares held by HEYCO.
- 4. HEYCO is owned 51.167461% by Explorers Petroleum Corporation and 45.353507% by Spiral, Inc. The reporting person owns 51.002744% of Explorers Petroleum Corporation, and the reporting person's family owns 25% of Spiral, Inc. through a series of trusts of which the reporting person is the sole trustee.
- 5. The reporting person's family owns 25% of Spiral, Inc., an entity owned through a series of trusts of which the reporting person is the sole trustee.

## Remarks:

/s/ George M. Yates, by Kyle

11/01/2016

A. 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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