FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

| STATEMENT | OF CHANGES | IN BENEFICIAL | OWNERSHIP |
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Hairford Matthew V</u> | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Matador Resources Co [MTDR] | | | | | | | | | ck all app Dired | ctor | | 10% (| Owner | | |
|--|--|--|---|--|--|---|-----|-----|--------------------------------|---|--------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 5400 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1500 | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/12/2012 | | | | | | | | | belov | icer (give title ow) EVP - Ope | | Other (specify below) | | |
| (Street) DALLAS (City) | | | 75240 Zip) | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | Line | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date | | | 2. Transac Date (Month/Da | | Execution Date, | | | | Disposed C | ities Acquired (A) o d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a | | | | es ially Following | Form (D) o | vnership n: Direct r Indirect nstr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | ınt (A) or Prio | | ce | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock 12/12/2 | | | | | 2012 |)12 | | P | | 1,500 | A \$8.3 | | 3.37 ⁽¹⁾ | 160,675(2)(3)(4) | | | D | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | 3,000 | | I | See footnote ⁽⁵⁾ | |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deel Execution if any (Month/I | | | | | | 6. Date Expirati (Month) | ion Da | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instand 4) | | De Se (In | Price of erivative ecurity 1str. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Own Forn Direc or In (I) (Ir | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | | | Expiration Date | Title | Amou or Numb of Share | er | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The price reported is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$8.37 to \$8.38 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 8,125 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 8,125 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on April 16, 2012. Such shares of restricted stock will vest following the third anniversary of the date of grant, April 16, 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 8,125 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 the third anniversary of the date of grant, April 16, 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. Represents shares held of record by the reporting person's Individual Retirement Account.

/s/ Matthew V. Hairford, by Kyle A. Ellis as attorney-in-

12/13/2012

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** 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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