FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Matador Resources Co [MTDR]								5. Relationship of Reporting Pe (Check all applicable) Director			10% O	vner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 5400 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1500						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/16/2012								X Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP, COO and CFO					
(Street) DALLA (City)	DALLAS TX 75240				4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(- 9)				n-Deriv	/ativ	e Se	curities	s Ac	quired	, Dis	sposed o	of, or Be	neficial	ly Owned					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Da					action	ar) if	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 an 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following		Form: Direct		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transactio (Instr. 3 ar			"	nstr. 4)	
Common Stock 04/16/2						2012			A		10,625	i A	\$0	171,875(1)			D		
Common Stock 04/16/2					/2012	2012			A		10,625	i A	\$0	182,500 ⁽²⁾			D		
Common Stock 04/16/2					/2012	2			A		10,625	i A	\$0	193,125 ⁽³⁾		D			
Common Stock													73,500				ee ootnote ⁽⁴⁾		
		-	Table II -								osed of, convertil			Owned			,		
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da	Date,	4. Transa Code (8)		of		6. Date E Expiratio (Month/D	n Dat			ies g Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numb derivativ Securiti Benefici Owned Followir Reporte Transac (Instr. 4)	ve es ially ng d tion(s)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Employee Stock Option	\$10.49	04/16/2012			A		42,500		(5)		04/15/2017	Common Stock	42,500	\$0	42,5	000	D		

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Represents 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.
- 2. Represents 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.
- 3. Represents 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.
- ${\bf 4.} \ Represents \ shares \ held \ of \ record \ by \ the \ reporting \ person's \ Individual \ Retirement \ Account.$
- 5. The employee stock options vest in two equal biennial installments beginning on the second anniversary of the date of grant, April 16, 2014.

<u>/s/ David E. Lancaster</u> <u>04/18/2012</u>

** 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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