FORM 3

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

## **INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Krug George G  2. Da (Mon 02/1  |         |          |  |  | Statement          |   | lame <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol<br>or Resources Co [ MTDR ] |                |  |   |  |  |  |
|---|---------|----------|--|--|--------------------|---|--|----------------|--|---|--|--|--|
| (Last)<br>5400 LBJ FREEWAY  | (First) | (Middle) |  |  |                    | 4. Relation<br>(Check all                                   | iship of Reporting Person(s) to Issue applicable) Director           | n(s) to Issuer | 10% Owner  |   | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)   |  |  |
| SUITE 1500 (Street)   |         |          |  |  |                    | X Officer (give title below) SVP - Mktg and Mids            |  | Midstre        | Other (specify below)                                    |   | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |  |
| DALLAS  | TX      | 75240    |  |  |                    |   |  |                |  |   |  |  |  |
| (City)  | (State) | (Zip)    |  |  |                    |   |  |                |  |   |  |  |  |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned  |         |          |  |  |                    |   |  |                |  |   |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)   |         |          |  |  |                    | 2. Amount o<br>(Instr. 4)                                   | f Securities Beneficially Owned                                      | 3.<br>(D       | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |   | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)  |  |  |
| Common Stock  |         |          |  |  |                    |   | 17,975(1)(2)(3)(4)   |                | D  |   |  |  |  |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |         |          |  |  |                    |   |  |                |  |   |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)  |         |          |  | 2. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Der (Instr. 4) |  | ) Deriva       | tive Security  | 4. Conversion or<br>Exercise Price<br>of Derivative<br>Security | e Form: Direct (D) or  | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial<br>Ownership (Instr. 5) |  |
|   |         |          |  | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title   |  |                | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares                         | Security  |  |  |  |
| Employee Stock Option (5)   |         |          |  | 04/15/2017   |                    | Common Stock  |  | 8,000          | 10.49  | D   |  |  |  |
| Employee Stock Option   |         |          |  | (6)  | 03/11/2017         |   | Common Stock   |                | 37,500   | 8.18  | D  |  |  |
| Employee Stock Option   |         |          |  | (7)  | 03/16/2019         |   | Common Stock   |                | 4,413  | 22.66   | D  |  |  |
| Employee Stock Option   |         |          |  | (8)  | 01/20/2020         |   | Common Stock   |                | 5,714  | 22.01   | D  |  |  |

## Explanation of Responses:

- Explantation or Responses:

  1. Includes 8,696 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on October 5, 2015. Such shares of restricted stock will vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant, October 5, 2018.

  2. Includes 2,500 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on January 21, 2015. Such shares of restricted stock will vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant, January 21, 2018.

  3. Includes 2,207 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on March 17, 2014. Such shares of restricted stock will vest in two equal bitential installments beginning on the second anniversary of the date of grant, April 16, 2016.

  4. Includes 1,000 shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on April 16, 2012 that vest on the fourth anniversary of the date of grant, April 16, 2016.

  5. As of the date of this report, half of the employee stock options are vested and exercisable and half will vest on the fourth anniversary of the date of grant, April 16, 2016.

- 6. The employee stock options vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant, March 12, 2016.
  7. The employee stock options vest in two equal biennial installments beginning on the second anniversary of the date of grant, March 17, 2016.
  8. The employee stock options vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant, January 21, 2018.

## Remarks:

/s/ George G. Krug, by Kyle A. Ellis as attorney-in-fact

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

02/23/2016 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, Brian Willey and Kyle Ei (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 "Company"), Forms 3, (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 Form 3, 4, or 5 and tim (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 benefit to, in the best in 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 requisite, necessary, or 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 respect to the undersigned's IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 19th day of February, 2016.

/s/ George G. Krug George G. Krug