Matador Resources Co Form 3 February 23, 2016 **FORM 3** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB 2225 OMB

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A Person <u>*</u> Goodwin	-	orting	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement(Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Matador Resources Co [MTDR]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	02/19/2016 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		
5400 LBJ FI	REEWAY,	SUITE						
1500				(Check all applicable)				
DALLAS,Â	(Street) TXÂ 7524	0		Director10% Owner XOfficerOther (give title below) (specify below) SVP - Operations		JWIICI	 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person 	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivat	ive Securiti	es Bei	neficially Owned	
1.Title of Secu (Instr. 4)	rity		2. Amount o Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owner (Instr.	•	
Common St	ock		52,955 <u>(1)</u>		D	Â		
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	
		Title	Derivative	Security:	
			Security	Direct (D)	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option	(2)	04/15/2017	Common Stock	20,833	\$ 10.49	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	(<u>3)</u>	03/11/2018	Common Stock	18,750	\$ 8.18	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	(4)	03/16/2019	Common Stock	11,033	\$ 22.66	D	Â
Employee Stock Option	(5)	01/20/2020	Common Stock	34,286	\$ 22.01	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Goodwin Billy E 5400 LBJ FREEWAY SUITE 1500 DALLAS, TX 75240	Â	Â	SVP - Operations	Â		
Signatures						
/s/ Billy E. Goodwin, by Kyle A. Ellis as attorney-in-fact			02/23/2016			
<u>**</u> Signature of Reportir		Date				

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Includes 2,604 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.
- (2) 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.
- (3) The employee stock options vest on the fourth anniversary of the date of grant, March 12, 2017.
- (4) The employee stock options vest in two equal biennial installments beginning on the second anniversary of the date of grant, March 17, 2016.
- (5) The employee stock options vest on the third anniversary of the date of grant, January 21, 2018.

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Title: Senior Vice President and Controller