

Foran Joseph Wm
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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 Address of Reporting Person *
Foran Joseph Wm

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Matador Resources Co [MTDR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
5400 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1500

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/16/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman, CEO and President

(Street)
DALLAS, TX 75240

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	04/16/2012		A		20,052	A	\$ 0
					144,052 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	04/16/2012		A		20,052	A	\$ 0
					164,104 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock	04/16/2012		A		20,052	A	\$ 0
					184,156 ⁽³⁾	D	
Common Stock					20,000 ⁽⁴⁾	I	See footnote ⁽⁵⁾
Common Stock					4,000 ⁽⁴⁾	I	See footnote ⁽⁶⁾

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Common Stock	1,044,933 ⁽⁴⁾	I	See footnote ⁽⁷⁾
Common Stock	1,208,640 ⁽⁴⁾	I	See footnote ⁽⁸⁾
Common Stock	1,208,640 ⁽⁴⁾	I	See footnote ⁽⁹⁾
Common Stock	135,500 ⁽⁴⁾	I	See footnote ⁽¹⁰⁾
Common Stock	50,000 ⁽⁴⁾	I	See footnote ⁽¹¹⁾

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option	\$ 10.49	04/16/2012		A	80,208	⁽¹²⁾ 04/15/2017	Common Stock	80,208	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Foran Joseph Wm 5400 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1500 DALLAS, TX 75240	X		Chairman, CEO and President	

Signatures

/s/ Joseph Wm. Foran, by Kyle A. Ellis as
Attorney-in-Fact

04/18/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (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.
- (4) 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.
- (5) Represents shares held of record by two of the reporting person's college age children.
- (6) Represents shares held of record by the reporting person's spouse through her Individual Retirement Account.
- (7) Represents shares held of record by Sage Resources, Ltd., which is a limited partnership owned by the reporting person's family, including the reporting person.
- (8) Represents shares held of record by the JWF 2011-1 GRAT, for which the reporting person is the trustee and over which the reporting person has sole voting and investment power.
- (9) Represents shares held of record by the NNF 2011-1 GRAT, for which the reporting person is the trustee and over which the reporting person has sole voting and investment power.
- (10) Represents shares held of record by The Don Foran Family Trust 2008, for which the reporting person is the co-trustee and over which the reporting person has shared voting and investment power with other members of his family.
- (11) Represents shares held of record by The Foran Family Special Needs Trust for which the reporting person is the co-trustee and over which the reporting person has shared voting and investment power with other members of his family.
- (12) The employee stock options vest in two equal biennial installments beginning on the second anniversary of the date of grant, April 16, 2014.

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