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April 24, 2012											PPROVAL	
FORM	4 UNITED S	STATES	SECUR	ITIES	S Al	ND EXC	HAI	NGE	COMMISSION			
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(Print or Type R	esponses)											
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> King Scott E			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Matador Resources Co [MTDR]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First) (N	liddle)	3. Date of	f Earliest Transaction					(Check all applicable)			
5400 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1500			(Month/Day/Year) 04/16/2012					Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) VP-Geophysics & New Ventures				
				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
DALLAS, T	X 75240									More than One R		
(City)	(State)	Zip)	Table	I - Noi	n-De	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)2A. Deemed Execution Date any (Month/Day/Year)			n Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	(D) or B Indirect (I) O	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	04/16/2012			А		4,271	А	\$0	911,396 <u>(1)</u>	D		
Common Stock	04/16/2012			А		4,271	А	\$0	915,667 <u>(2)</u>	D		
Common Stock	04/16/2012			А		4,271	A	\$0	919,938 <u>(3)</u>	D		
Common Stock									48,375	Ι	See footnote (4)	

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. Transactie Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Date		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		А	17,083	(5)	04/15/2017	Common Stock	17,083

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
King Scott E 5400 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1500 DALLAS, TX 75240			VP-Geophysics & New Ventures				

Signatures

/s/ Scott E. King 04/24/2012 <u>**</u>Signature of Date Reporting Person

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.

Represents shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person on April 16, 2012. Such shares of restricted stock will vest following(2) 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.

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

(3) Indifference of shares of common stock will be deriverable to the reporting person, following the time antiversary 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.

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Represents shares held of record by the reporting person's three minor or college age children. 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

- (4) Thing of this statement for 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) 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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