

Abney Ryan  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Abney Ryan

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SAExploration Holdings, Inc.  
[SAEX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1160 DIARY ASHFORD ROAD,  
SUITE 160  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
04/09/2018

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP - Finance

HOUSTON, TX 77079

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>		04/09/2018	A		517,840		<sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(2)</sup>	Common Stock	517,840

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Abney Ryan 1160 DIARY ASHFORD ROAD, SUITE 160 HOUSTON, TX 77079			VP - Finance	

## Signatures

/s/ Ryan Abney                      04/11/2018  
 \*\*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) The Restricted Stock Units were issued pursuant to the SAExploration Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") 2018 Long Term Incentive Plan (the "2018 Plan") on April 9, 2018. The 2018 Plan became effective March 5, 2018. Restricted Stock Units will generally be settled in shares of Common Stock. However, the Compensation Committee will have discretion to pay Restricted Stock Units, upon settlement, in cash, shares of Common Stock, or a combination thereof.
- (2) The Restricted Stock Units will vest as follows: (i) 25% on the 18-month anniversary of the consummation of the Restructuring, or July 29, 2019; (ii) 25% on the second anniversary of the consummation of the Restructuring, or January 29, 2020; and (iii) the remaining 50% on the third anniversary of the consummation of the Restructuring, or January 29, 2021.

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