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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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may continue.

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

| Beatty Brian A | | | Symbol SAExploration Holdings, Inc. | | | | | Issuer | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|--|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------|-------------|--|--|---|--|
| | | | [SAEX] | | | | | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | X Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) | | | |
| 4860 25TH STREET SE | | | 03/19/2018 | | | | | Chief Operating Officer | | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Ame | ndment, D | ate Origina | 1 | | 6. Individual or Jo | oint/Group Filin | g(Check | |
| | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | |
| CALGARY,, A0 T2G 3A4 | | | 02/01/2018 | | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Tabl | e I - Non- | Derivative | Securi | ties Acqu | iired, Disposed of | , or Beneficial | ly Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea | r) Executio any | med n Date, if Day/Year) | 3. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securi or(A) or Di (Instr. 3, | sposed | of (D) | 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | 01/26/2018 | | | M | 16,193 | A | \$ 10.19 | 45,687 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 01/26/2018 | | | M | 58,834 (1) | A | <u>(2)</u> | 104,521 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 01/26/2018 | | | F | 43,242 (3) | D | \$ 2.46 | 61,279 (3) | D | | |
| Common Stock | 03/19/2018 | | | J | 15,001 (3) | A | \$ 2.46 | 76,280 (3) | D | | |

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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | Derivative Expiration Date Securities (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, | | 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 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (2) | 01/26/2018 | | M | 58,834 | <u>(4)</u> | <u>(5)</u> | Common Stock | 58,834 |
| Stock Option (Right to | \$ 10.19 (6) | 01/26/2018 | | M | 16,193 | <u>(4)</u> | 09/26/2026 | Common Stock | 16,193 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| rg | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Beatty Brian A 4860 25TH STREET SE CALGARY,, A0 T2G 3A4 | X | | Chief Operating Officer | | | | |

Signatures

| /s/ Brian A. Beatty | 04/13/201 | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|--|--|
| **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) The restricted stock units were issued pursuant to the SAExploration Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") 2016 Long Term Incentive Plan on September 26, 2016. The 2016 Long Term Incentive Plan was amended and restated effective as of May 30, 2017 (as amended, the "LTIP"). Each restricted stock unit issued pursuant to the LTIP represents the right to receive, upon the applicable vesting date, either (i) a share of Common Stock of the Company or (ii) an amount of cash equal in value to the value of a share of the Company's Common Stock on the date of transfer. The Reporting Person elected to receive shares of Common Stock of the Company in lieu of an amount of cash

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equal to the value of such Common Stock of the Company.

- Each restricted stock unit issued pursuant to the Plan represents the right to receive, upon vesting, either (i) a share of Common Stock of (2) the Company or (ii) an amount of cash equal to the value of a share of the Company's Common Stock on the date of transfer. This transaction represents the settlement of restricted stock units in shares of common stock on their accelerated vesting date.
- The original Form 4, filed on February 1, 2018, is being amended by this Form 4 amendment solely to correct an administrative error, (3) which resulted in an excess 15,001 shares being withheld to satisfy the reporting person's tax liability in connection with the vesting and conversion disclosed in Note (4) below. On March 19, 2018, those shares were reissued to Mr. Beatty.
- Pursuant to the terms of the Restructuring Support Agreement dated as of December 19, 2017, among SAExploration Holdings, Inc., as approved by the Board of Directors on January 24, 2018, the members of management identified therein and the supporting holders identified therein, all issued equity compensation vested and converted into common shares immediately prior to the Closing Date on January 26, 2018.
- The restricted stock units will vest as follows: (i) 1/3 on the earliest to occur of certain events as defined in the LTIP; (ii) 1/3 on the (5) second anniversary of the Closing Date, as defined in the LTIP; and (iii) the remaining 1/3 on the third anniversary of the Closing Date, as defined in the LTIP.
- (6) The Exercise Price of the option is \$10.19 per share, which is equal to the VWAP per common share for the 30-day period that ends on the Grant Date, all terms as defined in the Company's 2016 Long Term Incentive Plan (the "LTIP").

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