

Whiteley Brent
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FORM 4

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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 *
Whiteley Brent

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)
08/06/2018

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
See Remarks

HOUSTON, TX 77079

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 08/06/2018 | | M | | 1,165,123 | A | 1,270,679 |
| Common Stock | 08/06/2018 | | F | | 281,864 | D | \$ 0.85 |

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 of Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Units ⁽¹⁾ | ⁽¹⁾ | 08/06/2018 | | M | 1,165,123 | ⁽²⁾ | ⁽²⁾ | Common Stock | 1,165,123 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Whiteley Brent 1160 DIARY ASHFORD ROAD, SUITE 160 HOUSTON, TX 77079 | | | | See Remarks |

Signatures

/s/ Brent
Whiteley
08/08/2018
Date
**Signature of 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).
- The Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") were issued pursuant to the SAExploration Holdings, Inc. (the "Company") 2018 Long Term Incentive Plan (the "2018 Plan") on April 9, 2018. Pursuant to the 2018 Plan, the RSUs vest in three tranches as follows: (i) 25% on the
- (1) 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. RSUs convert into share of Common Stock on a one-for-one basis.
 - (2) The Board of Directors of the Company approved the accelerated vesting of the first two tranches of the RSUs effective July 23, 2018. The RSUs were automatically converted into shares of Common Stock on August 6, 2018.

Remarks:

CFO, General Counsel, Secretary

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