

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported) February 17, 2016

Matador Resources Company
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-35410
(Commission
File Number)

27-4662601
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

5400 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1500, Dallas, Texas
(Address of principal executive offices)

75240
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (972) 371-5200

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On February 17, 2016, Matador Resources Company (the “Company”) issued a press release (i) announcing that Standard & Poor’s Rating Services raised its issue level rating on the Company’s senior unsecured debt and (ii) providing a hedging update. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information furnished pursuant to this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and will not be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated therein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

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MATADOR RESOURCES COMPANY ANNOUNCES UPGRADE IN SENIOR UNSECURED DEBT AND HEDGING UPDATE

DALLAS, February 17, 2016 - Matador Resources Company (NYSE: MTDR) (“Matador” or the “Company”), is an independent energy company engaged in the exploration, development, production and acquisition of oil and natural gas resources, with an emphasis on oil and natural gas shale and other unconventional plays and with a current focus on its Delaware Basin operations in Southeast New Mexico and West Texas.

Senior Unsecured Debt Upgraded by S&P

Matador is pleased to announce that on February 12, 2016, Standard & Poor’s (“S&P”) Ratings Services raised its issue-level rating on Matador’s senior unsecured debt to “B” (the same level as Matador’s corporate credit rating) from “B-”. At the same time, S&P removed the rating from its CreditWatch. S&P’s corporate credit rating on Matador remained “B”, with a stable outlook. More information about S&P’s ratings action on Matador may be found at www.standardandpoors.com.

Oil Hedges Added

Matador is also pleased to announce that it has added to its oil hedges for 2016 since its February 3, 2016 Analyst Day presentation. Based on the midpoint of its current oil guidance, Matador currently has 43% of its estimated 2016 oil production hedged at weighted average floor and ceiling prices of \$44 and \$66 per barrel, respectively. Similarly, based on the midpoint of its current natural gas guidance, Matador also has about 43% of its estimated 2016 natural gas production hedged at weighted average floor and ceiling prices of \$2.61 per million British Thermal Unit (“MMBtu”) and \$3.54 MMBtu, respectively.

For more information, visit Matador Resources Company at www.matadorresources.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release includes “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. “Forward-looking statements” are statements related to future, not past, events. Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and include any statement that does not directly relate to a current or historical fact. In this context, forward-looking statements often address expected future business and financial performance, and often contain words such as “could,” “believe,” “would,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “estimate,” “expect,” “may,” “should,” “continue,” “plan,” “predict,” “potential,” “project,” “hypothetical,” “forecasted” and similar expressions that are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain such identifying words. Actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements, and such forward-looking statements may not prove to be accurate. These forward-looking statements involve certain risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, the following risks related to financial and operational performance; general economic conditions; the Company’s ability to execute its business plan, including whether its drilling program is successful; changes in oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids prices and the demand for oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids; its ability to replace reserves and efficiently develop current reserves; costs of operations; delays and other difficulties related to producing oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids; its ability to make acquisitions on economically acceptable terms; its ability to integrate acquisitions, including the HEYCO merger; availability of sufficient capital to

execute its business plan, including from future cash flows, increases in its borrowing base and otherwise; weather and environmental conditions; and other important factors which could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated or implied in the forward-looking statements. For further discussions of risks and uncertainties, you should refer to Matador's SEC filings, including the "Risk Factors" section of Matador's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and any subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q. Matador undertakes no obligation and does not intend to update these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances occurring after the date of this press release, except as required by law, including the securities laws of the United States and the rules and regulations of the SEC. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this press release. All forward-looking statements are qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement.

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