

SAExploration Holdings, Inc.  
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 \*  
Whiteley Brent

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SAExploration Holdings, Inc.  
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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1160 DAIRY ASHFORD RD.,  
SUITE 160

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77079

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
06/29/2016

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

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
CFO, Gen. Counsel, Secretary / Member of 10% owner group

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	06/29/2016		M	(1) 6,360 A (2) 297,684		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)**

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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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	06/29/2016		M	6,360	(3) 06/29/2017	Common Stock	6,360
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.12					(4) 06/29/2025	Common Stock	39,138

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Whiteley Brent 1160 DAIRY ASHFORD RD., SUITE 160 HOUSTON, TX 77079	X		CFO, Gen. Counsel, Secretary	Member of 10% owner group

## Signatures

/s/ Brent  
Whiteley

06/30/2016

\*\*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 shares were issued pursuant to the SAExploration Holdings, Inc. 2013 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan") on June 29, 2016.

(2) Each restricted stock unit issued pursuant to the Plan represents the right to receive, upon vesting, either (i) a share of Common Stock of 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 scheduled vesting date.

(3) The restricted stock units will vest 1/3 on the date which is 90 days after the issuance and 1/3 each on the first and second anniversaries of the grant.

(4) The stock option becomes exercisable as follows: (i) 1/3 of the Option becomes exercisable after 90 days of continuous "Service" (as defined in the Plan) from the date of the grant; (ii) 1/3 of the Option becomes exercisable after 12 months of continuous Service from the Date of Grant; and (iii) the remaining 1/3 of the Option becomes exercisable after 24 months of continuous Service from the date of the grant.

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