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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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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Abney Ryan

1(b).

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

SAExploration Holdings, Inc.

[SAEX]

(Last)

(Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

> (Month/Day/Year) 04/12/2019

1160 DAIRY ASHFORD, SUITE

(First)

(State)

(Zip)

160

4. If Amendment, Date Original

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below) VP - Finance

(Street)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

HOUSTON, TX 77079

(City)

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)		Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			ies Ac sposed		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	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	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	04/12/2019		M	13,921	A	(1)	25,207	D	
Common Stock	04/12/2019		F	3,877	D	\$ 3.8	21,330	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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 or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(1)</u>	04/12/2019		M	13,921	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	13,921

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Abney Ryan

1160 DAIRY ASHFORD SUITE 160

HOUSTON, TX 77079

VP - Finance

Signatures

Ryan Abney 04/16/2019

**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) Restricted stock units ("RSUs") convert into shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- These RSUs were issued pursuant to the 2018 Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan as additional management incentive plan ("MIP") awards due under the terms of the employment agreement between the Company and the reporting person (the "True-Up MIP Awards"). These True-Up MIP Awards vest 50% on April 12, 2019 and 50% on January 29, 2021. These RSU's represent the 50% that vested on April 12, 2019.

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