

EMPIRE PETROLEUM CORP  
Form SC 13D  
January 25, 2017

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

SCHEDULE 13D  
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

EMPIRE PETROLEUM CORPORATION

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share

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(Title of Class of Securities)

030910 20 2

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(CUSIP Number)

Michael Morrisett  
Empire Petroleum Corporation  
2651 E 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite 310  
Tulsa, OK 74114  
(539-444-8002)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to  
Receive Notices and Communication)

December 22, 2016

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(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

1

Gary C. Adams

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF (a)  
A MEMBER OF A GROUP

2

(b)

SEC USE ONLY

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE  
INSTRUCTIONS)

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CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF  
LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS  
REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM  
2(D) OR 2(E)

5

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF  
ORGANIZATION

6

United States of America

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

2,000,000

NUMBER OF  
SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY  
EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON WITH

SHARED VOTING POWER

8

0

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9

2,000,000

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

0

11

AGGREGATE AMOUNT  
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH  
REPORTING PERSON

2,000,000

12

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE  
AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES (SEE  
INSTRUCTIONS)

13

PERCENT OF CLASS  
REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN  
ROW (11)

20%

14

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

IN

## ITEM 1. SECURITY AND ISSUER

The securities to which this Schedule 13D relates are shares of common stock, par value \$.001 per share ("Common Stock"), of Empire Petroleum Corporation (the "Corporation").

The address of the Corporation's principal executive office is 2651 E 21<sup>st</sup> St, Suite 310, Tulsa, OK 74114. The name and address of the president of the Corporation is Michael Morrisett, President, 3803 S. Trenton Ave., Tulsa, OK 74105.

## ITEM 2. IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND

### Gary C. Adams

- (a) Gary C. Adams is the beneficial owner of 2,000,000 shares of Common Stock and 20% of the total issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock of the Corporation.
- (b) The business address of Mr. Adams is 1437 South Boulder Ave, Suite 930 Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119.
- (c) Mr. Adam's principal occupation is an executive in the oil and gas business, located at 1437 South Boulder Ave, Suite 930 Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119.
- (d) Mr. Adams has not, during the last five years, been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations and similar misdemeanors).
- (e) Mr. Adams has not, during the last five years, been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such a proceeding, been subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.
- (f) Mr. Adams is a citizen of the United States of America.

## ITEM 3. SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS OR OTHER CONSIDERATION

The Corporation entered into a subscription and contribution agreement with Masterson West, LLC ("Masterson West") dated as of December 22, 2016 (the "Contribution Agreement") relating to the newly formed Masterson West II, LLC, a Texas limited liability company ("Masterson West II"). Pursuant to the Contribution Agreement, among other things, (a) in the initial closing, the Corporation contributed 40,000,000 shares of its common stock, par value \$.001 per share (the "Common Stock"), to Masterson West II, and (b) at the final closing, Masterson West has an obligation to contribute certain oil and gas properties (the "Contributed Properties") to Masterson West II in exchange for the Corporation contributing cash of not less than \$9,000,000 and up to \$18,000,000 to Masterson West II.

Pursuant to the Contribution Agreement, 38,000,000 of such shares are subject to a claw back by the Corporation depending on what happens at the final closing or if the final closing occurs at all. If the final closing does not occur, the 38,000,000 shares of Common Stock will be returned to the Corporation. The consideration for the issuance of

2,000,000 shares of Common Stock was the Masterson West's execution of the Contribution Agreement which Mr. Adams beneficially owns as of the date hereof.

ITEM 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION

The responses to Item 3 of this Schedule 13D are incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

Gary C. Adams

- (a) Gary C. Adams is the beneficial owner of 2,000,000 shares of Common Stock and 20% of the total issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock.
- (b) The responses of Gary C. Adams to Items 7-11 of the cover page of this Schedule 13D are incorporated herein by reference.
- (c) The responses to Item 3 of this Schedule 13D are incorporated herein by reference.
- (d) Not applicable.
- (e) Not applicable.

ITEM 6. CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, UNDERSTANDINGS OR RELATIONSHIPS WITH RESPECT TO SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

The responses to Item 3 of this Schedule 13D are incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 7. MATERIAL TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS

Not applicable.

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Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

1/24/17

Date

/s/ Gary C. Adams

Signature

Gary C. Adams

Name