

ADAMS DIVERSIFIED EQUITY FUND, INC.

Form 4

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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 \*  
Haynie James P.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ADAMS DIVERSIFIED EQUITY FUND, INC. [ADX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
500 EAST PRATT STREET, SUITE 1300  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2016

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
E.V.P.

BALTIMORE, MD 21202

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Common Stock                    | 12/31/2016                           |  | J V                            | Amount 2,134.33 (1)   | A \$ 0 62,658.721   | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 12/31/2016                           |  | J V                            | Amount 3,283.181 (2)  | A \$ 0 8,816.911 (3)  | I  | By Issuer's Thrift Plan Trust              |
| Common Stock                    | 01/27/2017                           |  | P                              | 10,778  | A \$ 13.2 73,436.721  | D  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 01/27/2017                           |  | P                              | 122   | A \$ 73,558.721   | D  |  |

Stock

13.21

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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Haynie James P.<br>500 EAST PRATT STREET<br>SUITE 1300<br>BALTIMORE, MD 21202 |               |           | E.V.P.  |       |

## Signatures

Gail L. Valenti as Attorney-in-Fact for James P. Haynie  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 01/30/2017

## 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) These shares were acquired in exempt transactions as a result of dividend reinvestment. The Issuer's stock traded in a range of \$10.96 - \$13.35 during 2016.
- (2) These shares are held by the Issuer's Thrift Plan Trust and represent the undersigned's proportionate beneficial interest in the shares that were acquired by the Trust in 2016 in exempt transactions as a result of periodic contributions made during 2016 and shares acquired by the Trustee through dividend reinvestment in 2016. The Issuer's stock traded in a range of \$10.96 - \$13.35 during 2016.

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- The number of shares reported as held by the Issuer's Thrift Plan Trust represents the undersigned's proportionate beneficial interest in such stock held in the Trust. Such number is based on information as of 12/31/2016. This number includes the shares acquired in exempt
- (3) transactions through periodic contributions made during 2016, shares acquired by the Trustee through dividend reinvestment, changes in the number of shares previously reported due to fluctuations in the market price and interests in the Trust during 2016. The Issuer's stock traded in a range of \$10.96 - \$13.35 during 2016.

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