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Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports); and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company or an emerging growth company. See definition of "accelerated filer," "large accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer
Smaller reporting company Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

The aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates of the registrant on June 30, 2018, based on the closing sales price of the registrant's common stock on that date, was approximately \$15.2 million. Shares of common stock held by each current executive officer and director and by each person known by the registrant to own 10% or more of the outstanding common stock have been excluded from this computation in that such persons may be deemed to be affiliates.

The number of shares of the registrant's common stock, \$0.001 par value, outstanding as of March 15, 2019 was 62,425,140.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Company's Proxy Statement for its 2019 Annual Meeting are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Report.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This annual report on Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. These forwarding-looking statements include without limitation statements regarding our expectations and beliefs about the market and industry, our goals, plans, and expectations regarding our properties and drilling activities and results, our intentions and strategies regarding future acquisitions and sales of properties, our intentions and strategies regarding the formation of strategic relationships, our beliefs regarding the future success of our properties, our expectations and beliefs regarding competition, competitors, the basis of competition and our ability to compete, our beliefs and expectations regarding our ability to hire and retain personnel, our beliefs regarding period to period results of operations, our expectations regarding revenues, our expectations regarding future growth and financial performance, our beliefs and expectations regarding the adequacy of our facilities, and our beliefs and expectations regarding our financial position, ability to finance operations and growth and the amount of financing necessary to support operations. These statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results and events to differ materially. See “Item 1A. Risk Factors” for a discussion of certain risk factors. We undertake no obligation to update forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances occurring after the date of this annual report on Form 10-K.

As used in this annual report on Form 10-K, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms “we,” “us,” “the Company,” and “Houston American” refer to Houston American Energy Corp., a Delaware corporation.

PART I

Item 1. Business

General

Houston American Energy Corp is an independent oil and gas company focused on the development, exploration, exploitation, acquisition, and production of natural gas and crude oil properties. Our principal properties, and operations, are in the U.S. Permian Basin. Additionally, we have properties in the U.S. Gulf Coast region, particularly Texas and Louisiana, and in the South American country of Colombia.

We focus on early identification of, and opportunistic entrance into, existing and emerging resource plays. We do not operate properties but typically seek to partner with, or invest along-side, larger operators in the development of resources or retain interests, with or without contribution on our part, in prospects identified, packaged and promoted to larger operators. By entering these plays earlier, identifying stranded blocks and partnering with, investing

along-side or promoting to, larger operators, we believe we can capture larger resource potential at lower cost and minimize our exposure to drilling risks and costs and ongoing operating costs.

We, along with our partners, actively manage our resources through opportunistic acquisitions and divestitures where reserves can be identified, developed, monetized and financial resources redeployed with the objective of growing reserves, production and shareholder value.

Properties

Our exploration and development projects are focused on existing property interests, and future acquisition of additional property interests, in the Texas Permian Basin, the onshore Texas and Louisiana Gulf Coast region and in the South American country of Colombia.

Each of our property interests differ in scope and character and consists of one or more types of assets, such as 3-D seismic data, owned mineral interests, leasehold positions, lease options, working interests in leases, partnership or limited liability company interests, corporate equity interests or other mineral rights. Our percentage interest in each property represents the portion of the interest in the property we share with other partners in the property. Because each property consists of a bundle of assets that may or may not include a working interest in the project, our stated interest in a property simply represents our proportional ownership in the bundle of assets that constitute the property. Therefore, our interest in a property should not be confused with the working interest that we will own when a given well is drilled. Each of our exploration and development projects represents a negotiated transaction between the project partners relating to one or more properties. Our working interest may be higher or lower than our stated interest.

The following table sets forth information relating to our principal properties as of December 31, 2018:

	Net acreage⁽¹⁾	Average working interest %	Gross producing wells⁽¹⁾	Net proved reserves (boe)	2018 Net Production Oil (bbls)	Natural Gas (mcf)
Texas	260	16.1 %	2	786,327	21,526	246,378
Louisiana	301	17.7 %	2	16,546	2,303	6,036
Oklahoma	4	2.8 %	1	1,814	13	639
Total U.S.	565	16.3 %	5	804,687	23,842	253,053
Colombia	49,025	12.5 %	—	—	—	—
Total	49,590	12.5 %	5	804,687	23,842	253,053

⁽¹⁾Excludes acreage and one well on which we hold royalty interests but no working interest.

In 2018, we acquired a 12.5% working interest (subject to a proportionate 10% back-in after payout) in an approximately 650-acre lease block in Yoakum County, Texas.

- United States Properties:

In the United States, our properties and operations are principally located in the on-shore Permian Basin and Gulf Coast regions of Louisiana and Texas.

Texas Properties

Reeves County. We hold an 18.6% average working interest in 960 gross acres in Reeves County, Texas, consisting of (1) the 320 gross acre Johnson Lease, in which we hold a 25% working interest, subject to a proportionate 5% back-in after payout, and (2) the 640 gross acre O'Brien Lease, in which we hold an average 15.489% working interest. Our Reeves County acreage lies within the Delaware sub-basin of the Permian Basin, with resource potential in the Wolfcamp, Bone Spring and Avalon formations. During 2017, we drilled and completed our initial wells on both lease blocks, the Johnson State #1H well and the O'Brien #3H well, both horizontally drilled and hydraulically fractured wells in the Wolfcamp A formation.

In June 2018, a new operator took control of operations of our Reeves County acreage, following the acquisition of the interests of the former operator. No wells were drilled on our Reeves County acreage during 2018 pending development and presentation of drilling plans by the new operator. We anticipate resumption of drilling operations on our Reeves County acreage but the timing, number of wells drilled, anticipated costs and related matters are subject to our review and acceptance of development plans expected to be provided by the new operator, as well as our ability to finance our share of costs, market conditions and other factors, many of which are beyond our control.

Yoakum County. We hold a 12.5% working interest, subject to a proportionate 10% back-in after payout, in an approximately 650 gross acre block in Yoakum County, Texas. Our Yoakum County acreage lies within the Midland sub-basin of the Permian Basin.

In early 2019, we drilled the Frost #1H well, the first well on our Yoakum County acreage. The well was horizontally drilled and, following drilling operations, the operator commenced build out of the site to support production. We anticipate that construction of production facilities will be complete and that the well will be hydraulically fractured in the San Andres Formation during the second quarter of 2019. Subject to the operator's evaluation of the performance of the initial well, we anticipate that additional wells will be drilled on our Yoakum County acreage in the future.

Louisiana Properties

Our principal producing and exploration properties in Louisiana consist of the following:

East Baton Rouge Parish — we hold a 23.437% mineral interest in 2,485 gross acres, of, or as to, which (i) we hold a 3.547% net royalty interest in 498.12 acres, including the Crown Paper #01 well, (ii) we hold a 5.273% net royalty interest in 743.94 acres, and (iii) 1,242.94 acres are unleased.

Vermilion Parish — we hold a 1.974% working interest in a 15,000 foot Discorbis well and 450+ gross acre lease block.

Jefferson Davis Parish — we hold a 10.938% working interest before payout and a 9.375% working interest after payout in a 7,000 foot Cris H well and 10 gross acre lease block.

The operator/lessee of 743.94 gross acres in East Baton Rouge Parish has indicated that it plans to drill an initial well to test the Lower Tuscaloosa Formation below 19,000 feet. Otherwise, there are no known present plans to conduct additional drilling operations on our Louisiana acreage.

- Colombian Properties:

At December 31, 2018, we held interests in multiple prospects in Colombia covering 392,205 gross acres. We identify our Colombian prospects by the concessions operated.

The following table sets forth information relating to our interests in prospects in Colombia at December 31, 2018:

Property	Operator	Ownership Interest	Total Gross Acres	Total Gross Developed Acres	Gross Productive Wells
Los Picachos Macaya	Hupecol	12.5 %	86,235	—	—