

EMPIRE PETROLEUM CORP  
Form SC 13D  
April 12, 2019

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

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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)

292034204

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(CUSIP Number)

Michael R. Morrisett  
Empire Petroleum Corporation  
1203 E. 33rd Street, Suite 250  
Tulsa, OK 74105  
(539-444-8002)

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

March 29, 2019

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(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

1

Michael R. Morrisett

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

2

(b)

SEC USE ONLY

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE  
INSTRUCTIONS)

4

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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

3,443,128

NUMBER OF  
SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY  
EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON WITH

SHARED VOTING POWER

8

0

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9

3,443,128

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT

11

BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH  
REPORTING PERSON

3,443,128

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)

16.46%

14

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

IN

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#### ITEM 1. SECURITY AND ISSUER

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

The address of the Company's principal executive office is 1203 E. 33rd Street, Suite 250, Tulsa, OK 74105.

#### ITEM 2. IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND

The residence address of Mr. Morrisett is 8212 South Delaware Place, Tulsa, OK 74137.

Mr. Morrisett has not, during the last five years, been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations and similar misdemeanors).

Mr. Morrisett 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.

Mr. Morrisett is a citizen of the United States of America.

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

On December 30, 2014, Empire Petroleum Holdings, LLC ("Empire Holdings") purchased 3,718,064 shares of the Company's Common Stock for an aggregate purchase price of \$300 using personal funds contributed to Empire Holdings by Mr. Morrisett and two other individuals. Mr. Morrisett owned own 45% of the equity interest and was a manager of Empire Holdings. The members of Empire Holdings voted to distribute the Common Stock to its members and dissolve Empire Holdings effective as of March 29, 2019.

On December 1, 2017, as compensation for serving as the Company's President and on the Company's Board of Directors, the Company granted Mr. Morrisett a warrant to purchase 500,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock at an exercise price of \$0.25 per share, which is immediately exercisable and expires December 31, 2021.

On December 29, 2017, Mr. Morrisett purchased 20,000 shares at \$0.16 per share.

On April 3, 2019, the Board of Directors of the Company approved the issuance of a non-qualified stock option award agreement to purchase 2,500,000 shares of common stock of the Corporation at an exercise price of \$0.33 per share to Mr. Morrisett. The option expires on April 2, 2029 and vests in three installments as follows: 1,250,000 shares on April 3, 2019; 625,000 shares on April 3, 2020; and 625,000 shares on April 3, 2021.

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#### ITEM 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION

Mr. Morrisett acquired and owns the shares of the Company's Common Stock, as described herein, for investment purposes.

Mr. Morrisett does not have any plans or proposals that relate to or would result in any of the actions specified in clauses (a) through (j) of Item 4 to Schedule 13D.

#### ITEM 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

- (a) Mr. Morrisett is the beneficial owner of 3,443,128 shares of Common Stock and 16.46% of the total issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock.
- (b) The responses of Mr. Morrisett 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

Not applicable.

#### 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.

Dated: April 12, 2019 /s/ Michael R. Morrisett

Michael R. Morrisett