

Citadel Exploration, Inc.  
Form NT 10-K  
March 30, 2016  
**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 12b-25**

**NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING**

SEC FILE NUMBER: **000-54639**

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(Check One): Form 10-K Form 20-F Form 11-K Form 10-Q Form N-SAR Form N-CSR

For Period Ended: December 31, 2015

Transition Report on Form 10-K  
Transition Report on Form 20-F  
Transition Report on Form 11-K  
Transition Report on Form 10-Q  
Transition Report on Form N-SAR

*Read Instruction (on back page) Before Preparing Form. Please Print or Type.*

**Nothing in this form shall be construed to imply that the Commission has verified any information contained herein.**

If the notification relates to a portion of the filing checked above, identify the Item(s) to which the notification relates:

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**PART I -- REGISTRANT INFORMATION**

**Citadel Exploration, Inc.**

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Full Name of Registrant

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Former Name if Applicable

**417 31st Street, Unit A**

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Address of Principal Executive Office (*Street and Number*)

**Newport Beach, CA 92663**

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City, State and Zip Code

**PART II -- RULES 12b-25(b) AND (c)**

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate)

- (a) The reasons described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense;  
The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, Form 11-K, Form N-SAR or Form N-CSR, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifteenth calendar day following the
- (b) prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report of transition report on Form 10-Q or subject distribution report on Form 10-D, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and
- (c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.

**PART III -- NARRATIVE**

State below in reasonable detail the reasons why Forms 10-K, 20-F, 11-K, 10-Q, 10-D, N-SAR, N-CSR, or the transition report or portion thereof, could not be filed within the prescribed time period.

The Company is unable to file, without unreasonable effort or expense, its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015. Additional time is needed for the Company to compile and analyze supporting documentation in order to complete the Form 10-K and in order to permit the Company's independent registered public accounting firm to complete its review.

**PART IV-- OTHER INFORMATION**

(1) Name and telephone number of person to contact in regard to this notification

Armen Nahabedian 949 612-8040  
(Name) (Area Code) (Telephone Number)

Have all other periodic reports required under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or (2) Section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 during the preceding 12 months or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such report(s) been filed? If answer is no, identify report(s).

Yes No

- (3) Is it anticipated that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the earnings statements to be included in the subject report or portion thereof?

Yes No

If so, attach an explanation of the anticipated change, both narratively and quantitatively, and, if appropriate, state the reasons why a reasonable estimate of the results cannot be made.

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**Citadel Exploration, Inc.**

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**(Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

has caused this notification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 29, 2016 By: */s/ Armen Nahabedian*  
Armen Nahabedian

Chief Executive Officer