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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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See Instruction Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 1(b). Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

Reported Form 4

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer Haynie James P. Symbol ADAMS DIVERSIFIED EQUITY (Check all applicable) FUND, INC. [ADX] (Middle) 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Last) (First) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 12/31/2017 E.V.P. 500 EAST PRATT STREET, SUITE 1300, SUITE 1140

> (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

> > Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

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| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tal | ole I - Non-De | rivative Secur | ities A | cquire | d, Disposed of, o | 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 A or Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and | of (D) d 5) (A) or | ed (A) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 12/31/2017 | Â | J | Amount 5,309.523 (1) | (D) | \$ 0 | 71,873.244 | D | Â |
| Common Stock | 12/31/2017 | Â | J | 4,445 <u>(2)</u> | A | \$0 | 13,261.911 (3) | I | By Issuer's Thrift Plan Trust |

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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Titl | e and | 8. Price of | |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|-------------|---------|----------|-------------|--|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transaction | Number | Expiration D | ate | Amou | nt of | Derivative | |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | lying | Security | |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securi | ities | (Instr. 5) | |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | | | (Instr. | 3 and 4) | | |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | (A) (D) | | | | of | | |
| | | | | | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| 1 8 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Haynie James P. 500 EAST PRATT STREET, SUITE 1300 SUITE 1140 BALTIMORE, MD 21202 | Â | Â | E.V.P. | Â | | | |

Signatures

Gail L. Valenti as Attorney-in-Fact for James P.
Haynie
01/31/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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 \$12.78 \$15.90 during 2017.
- These shares are held by the Issuer's Thrift Plan Trust and represent the undersigned's proportionate beneficial interest in the shares that (2) were acquired by the Trust in 2017 in exempt transactions as a result of periodic contributions made during 2017 and shares acquired by the Trustee through dividend reinvestment in 2017. The Issuer's stock traded in a range of \$12.78 \$15.90 during 2017.
 - 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 12/31/2017. This number includes the shares acquired in exempt
- (3) transactions through periodic contributions made during 2017, shares acquired by the Trustee through dividend reinvestment, and changes in the number of shares previously reported due to fluctuations in the market price and interests in the Trust during 2017. The Issuer's stock traded in a range of \$12.78 \$15.90 during 2017.

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