

ADAMS DIVERSIFIED EQUITY FUND, INC.  
 Form 5  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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 Form 3 Holdings Reported Form 4 Transactions Reported

**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Hook Brian Stephen

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)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/31/2015

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 CFO & Treasurer

500 EAST PRATT STREET, SUITE 1300

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

BALTIMORE, MD 21202

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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Amount Price   |  |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/31/2015                           | Â  | J                              | 465.3602<br>(1) A \$ 0  | 11,685.834<br>(4)  | D  | Â                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 12/31/2015                           | Â  | J                              | 1,080.1034<br>(2) A \$ 0  | 8,389.754<br>(3)   | I  | By Issuer's Thrift Plan Trust     |

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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. of D Sc B O E Is F (I   |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares |
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | (A)  | (D)   |  |                            |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| Hook Brian Stephen<br>500 EAST PRATT STREET, SUITE 1300<br>BALTIMORE, MD 21202 | Â             | Â         | Â CFO & Treasurer | Â     |

## Signatures

Gail L. Valenti as Attorney-in-Fact for Brian Stephen Hook  
Date: 02/02/2016

\_\_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 \$12.39 - \$14.35 in 2015.
- (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 Trustee as a result of periodic contributions and shares acquired through dividend reinvestment during the period from January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015. The Issuer's stock traded in a range of \$12.39 - \$14.35 during that time.
- (3) 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 December 31, 2015. This number includes the shares acquired in exempt transactions through periodic contributions made during 2015, 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 2015. The Issuer's stock traded in a range of \$12.39 - \$14.35 during 2015.
- (4) Of these shares, 593.1034 were acquired in an exempt transaction by gift and are held in a joint tenant account with a family member.

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