

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

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 19, 2021

**Trecora Resources**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

**1-33926**

**75-1256622**

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**1650 Hwy 6 South, Suite 190**

**Sugar Land, Texas 77478**

(Address of principal executive offices, including Zip Code)

**(281) 980-5522**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share	TREC	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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.

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On April 19, 2021, John R. “Dick” Townsend, the Executive Vice President and Chief Manufacturing Officer of Trecora Resources (the “Company”), announced his intention to retire effective May 14, 2021 (the “Retirement Date”).

In connection with Mr. Townsend’s announcement, the Company and Mr. Townsend have entered into a Retirement Agreement (the “Agreement”). Under the terms of the Agreement, Mr. Townsend will provide certain transitional support to the Company as a consultant and independent contractor for a period beginning on the Retirement Date and continuing until February 13, 2023 (the “Transition Services Period”). As compensation for Mr. Townsend’s services during the Transition Services Period, and in recognition of his service to the Company, the Agreement provides that Mr. Townsend will be entitled to retain his rights and interests in certain unvested time-based restricted stock units that were issued in 2019 and 2020 and such awards shall continue to vest in accordance with their terms during the Transition Services Period, subject to Mr. Townsend’s continued compliance with the terms of the Agreement.

Pursuant to the Agreement, Mr. Townsend provided a customary general release of claims he may have against the Company and has, among other things, agreed (i) not to disclose the Company’s confidential information and trade secrets, (ii) generally not to directly or indirectly compete with the Company during the Transition Services Period, (iii) not to solicit the Company’s employees during the Transition Services Period, (iv) not to disparage the Company, its products, services and relevant agents, and (v) to cooperate with and assist the Company with respect to matters about which he has personal knowledge or which were within the purview of his job responsibilities at the Company.

The foregoing summary of the Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Agreement, a copy of which will be filed with the Company’s Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2021.

**Item 8.01. Other Events**

In connection with Mr. Townsend’s retirement, the Company announced on April 21, 2021, that Rafael “Ralph” Pons, who is currently serving as site leader at the Company’s South Hampton Resources facility in Silsbee, Texas, will assume the role of Chief Manufacturing Officer of the Company effective May 15, 2021. Mr. Pons joined the Company in February 2020 from Preferred Sands, where he most recently served as Vice President of Operations, and has over 35 years of experience in chemical manufacturing, including facilities management, construction management, facility support, project/program management, contract administration, operations and maintenance and facilities planning. Mr. Pons holds a Master of Science degree in Operations Management from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Virginia.

As part of the overall transition of the Company’s manufacturing leadership, the Company also announced that Dan Roberts has assumed the role of site leader at the Company’s South Hampton Resources facility effective April 19, 2021, succeeding Mr. Pons so that he may focus on transition matters.

On April 21, 2021, the Company issued a press release related to the manufacturing leadership changes. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference into this Item 8.01.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description of Exhibit</u>
99.1	<a href="#">Press Release of the Company, dated April 21, 2021</a>
104	Cover Page Interactive Date File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

TRECORA RESOURCES

Date: April 21, 2021

By: /s/ Michael W. Silberman  
Michael W. Silberman  
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary



## Trecora Announces Rafael (Ralph) Pons as New Chief Manufacturing Officer

- **John R. (Dick) Townsend to Retire as Executive Vice President and Chief Manufacturing Officer effective May 14, 2021**

SUGAR LAND, Texas, April 21, 2021 – Trecora Resources ("Trecora" or the "Company") (NYSE: TREC), a leading provider of specialty hydrocarbons and specialty waxes, today announced the appointment of Mr. Rafael (Ralph) Pons, currently the site leader at Trecora's South Hampton Resources facility in Silsbee, Texas, to the position of Chief Manufacturing Officer, effective May 15, 2021. The appointment will follow the retirement of John R. "Dick" Townsend, Trecora's Executive Vice President and Chief Manufacturing Officer, effective May 14, 2021.

In succeeding Mr. Townsend, Mr. Pons brings over 35 years of extensive chemical manufacturing experience at some of the industry's leading companies, providing effective and decisive leadership in facilities management, construction management, facility support, project/program management, contract administration, operations and maintenance, and facilities planning.

He holds a Master of Science degree in Operations Management from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Virginia.

"I am delighted to have Ralph Pons join our executive team as Chief Manufacturing Officer," said Pat Quarles, Trecora's President and Chief Executive Officer. "Ralph joined the company a year ago to lead our South Hampton facility as part of our succession planning process. During the past year, it became abundantly clear to me and the Board that Ralph was the ideal candidate to succeed Dick. Ralph has been instrumental in driving strategic and structural change amidst significant market disruption. His proven leadership and track record of success in manufacturing, specifically in increasing reliability and reducing maintenance costs, will be invaluable to achieving the Company's overall goals.

"I thank Dick for the significant contributions he has made to the Company. With his involvement as a Director on the Company's Board beginning in 2011 and his subsequent move to the role of Chief Manufacturing Officer, Trecora has undergone a historic transformation, as he helped implement significant beneficial change in our manufacturing work processes. Today our manufacturing is safer, stronger, more agile and more innovative than ever before, and that is due in large part to Dick and his team," concluded Mr. Quarles.

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As part of the overall transition of the Company's manufacturing leadership, Mr. Dan Roberts assumed the role as site leader at Trecora's South Hampton Resources facility on April 19, 2021, succeeding Ralph Pons so that Mr. Pons may focus on transitioning into his new role. Mr. Roberts previously worked at Dow Chemical, Rohm and Haas, CDI Engineering, ENI, and Metton America, serving in a variety of roles.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from The University of Texas at Austin and a Master of Business degree from the University of Houston.

#### About Trecora Resources (TREC)

TREC owns and operates a specialty petrochemicals facility specializing in high purity hydrocarbons and other petrochemical manufacturing and a specialty wax facility, both located in Texas, and provides custom processing services at both facilities.

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