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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] Diamondback Energy, Inc.	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 02/15/2023		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Verde Clean Fuels, Inc.</u> [VGAS]						
(Last) (First) (Middle) 500 WEST TEXAS AVENUE, SUITE			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			
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(Street) MIDLAND TX 79701	_					3	Person Form filed Reporting	by More than One Person	
(City) (State) (Zip)									
Ta	able I - Non	-Derivati	ive Securities Benefic	cially O	wned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)		I	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	Form: I (D) or I			4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
Class A Common Stock			2,000,000		[See Footnotes ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		(2)	
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)									
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] Diamondback Energy, Inc.									
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(Street) MIDLAND TX 797	701								
(City) (State) (Zip)		_							
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Cottonmouth Ventures LLC</u>									
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(City) (State) (Zip)	-							
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] Diamondback Energy E&P LL	<u> </u>								

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MIDLAND	ТХ	79701				
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Explanation of Responses:

1. This Form 3 is being filed by Diamondback Energy, Inc. ("Diamondback"), Diamondback E&P LLC ("Diamondback E&P"), and Cottonmouth Ventures LLC ("Cottonmouth", and collectively with Diamondback and Diamondback E&P, the "Reporting Persons"). Cottonmouth is wholly owned by Diamondback E&P and Diamondback E&P is wholly owned by Diamondback. Diamondback E&P, as the sole owner of Cottonmouth, and Diamondback, as the sole owner of Diamondback E&P, may be deemed to have voting and investment control over the shares held by Cottonmouth. This statement relates to shares of Class A Common Stock of Verde Clean Fuels, Inc. held by Cottonmouth.

2. The filing of this statement shall not be deemed an admission that any of the Reporting Persons is the beneficial owner of any of the reported securities for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise. For purposes of this filing, each of the Reporting Persons disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.

Remarks:

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ENERGY, INC., Name: /s/	
Teresa L. Dick, Title:	
Executive Vice President,	02/28/2023
Chief Accounting Officer	
and Assistant Secretary of	
Diamondback Energy, Inc.	
DIAMONDBACK E&P	
LLC, By: Diamondback	
Energy, Inc., its sole	
member, Name: /s/ Teresa	
L. Dick, Title: Executive	02/28/2023
Vice President, Chief	
Accounting Officer and	
Assistant Secretary of	
Diamondback Energy, Inc.	
COTTONMOUTH	
VENTURES LLC, By:	
Diamondback E&P LLC,	
its sole member, Name: /s/	
Teresa L. Dick, Title:	02/28/2023
Executive Vice President,	
Chief Accounting Officer	
and Assistant Secretary of	
Diamondback Energy, Inc.	
** Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

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Form 3 Joint Filer Information

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