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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* BICKLE LARRY W (Last) (First) (Middle) 200 WESTLAKE PARK BLVD							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ST MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO [SM] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/12/2004								tionship of R all applicabl Director Officer (g below)	le)	Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify below)		
SUITE 1000 (Street) HOUSTON (City)	TX (State)	7′	7079-2908 ip)			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) $04/14/2004$								6. Indiv	ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
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Date					n/Day/Year) if a		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Transaction Dispose Code (Instr.			ities Acquired (A) or d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
								Code	v	Amount (A) or (D)		Price	(111501.4)						
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value					12/200	12/2004		M		3,904 A		A	\$10.25	30,804			D		
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	e Conversion Date Execution Date			Code (Instr.					6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				C	Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisal		Expiration Date	Title		Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(: (Instr. 4)			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right-to-buy)	\$10.25	04/12/2004			М			1,940	12/31/199	94 1	2/31/2004		mmon tock	1,940	\$0	0		D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right-to-buy)	\$10.25	04/12/2004			М			1,964	12/31/199	95 1	2/31/2005		mmon stock	1,964	\$0 0			D	

Explanation of Responses:

James C. Robertson (Attorney-in-

fact)

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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