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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Hertzler Jerold M</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 1776 LINCOLN ST. SUITE 700 (Street) DENVER CO 80203 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ST MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO [SM]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) X VP- Business Development
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/06/2008	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	05/06/2008		S		218	D	\$47.853	0 ⁽¹⁾	I	Shares held of record by Mr. Hertzler's daughter
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	05/06/2008		M		20,736	A	\$4.625	31,011	D	
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	05/06/2008		S		20,736	D	\$48.1657	10,275	D	

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Option(Right to Buy)	\$4.625	05/06/2008		M			20,736	(2)	12/31/2008	Common Stock	20,736	\$0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Mr. Hertzler also owns 10,275 shares in his name.
- The total option grant vested as follows: 10,368 shares on December 31, 1999, 5,184 shares on December 31, 2000, and 5,184 shares on December 31, 2001.

Remarks:

Karin M. Writer (Attorney-In-Fact) 05/08/2008

** 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 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).

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