FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Hamb and Address of Reporting Coron					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ST MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO [ SM ]										all applicabl	e)	Person(s) to Issuer  10% Owner		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1776 LINCOLN STREET				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/10/2008									X	Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Sr. VP & Regional Manager				респу	
SUITE 700					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Indiv	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person				
(Street) DENVER	СО	80	0203												Form filed	l by More	than C	ne Reportin	g Person
(City)	(State)	(Z	ip)																
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Date				2. Trans Date (Month		ear)	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 a				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)		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	(Instr. 3 and 4)				(111501.4)	
Common Stock	ommon Stock; \$.01 Par Value 09				/10/2008				M		1,533		A	(1)	6,778			D	
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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Da if any (Month/Day/Y	te, Tr	Code (Instr.		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		•	Securities Underly		erlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti	e s illy	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Co	ode	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisal		expiration Date	Title		Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)	on(a)		
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	09/10/2008			M			1,533	(2)		(2)		nmon tock	1,533	\$0	1,533	3	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of stock.
- 2. This restricted stock unit grant vests in three equal annual installments beginning on September 10, 2007. Upon the vesting of the restricted stock units, common stock will be issued to the reporting person on the vesting dates, at which time all restrictions on the vested shares will lapse.

## Remarks:

Karin M. Writer (Attorney-In-

Fact)

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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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