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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>GARDINER WILLIAM J</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 1776 LINCOLN STREET SUITE 700  (Street) DENVER CO 80203  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ST MARY LAND &amp; EXPLORATION CO [ SM ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner  Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/02/2009	
	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	02/02/2009		M		8,064	A	\$6.1875	37,602	D	
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	02/02/2009		S <sup>(1)</sup>		8,064	D	\$18.55	29,538	D	
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	02/02/2009		M		7,438	A	\$16.6563	36,976	D	
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	02/02/2009		S <sup>(1)</sup>		7,438	D	\$18.6	29,538	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)	\$6.1875	02/02/2009		M			8,064	(2)	12/31/2009	Common Stock	8,064	\$0	0	D	
Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$16.6563	02/02/2009		M			7,438	(3)	12/31/2010	Common Stock	7,438	\$0	0	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 plan adopted by the reporting person on August 29, 2008.
- The option vested in four equal installments on December 31, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002.
- The option vested in four equal installments on December 31, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003.

**Remarks:**

Karin M. Writer (Attorney-In-Fact)

02/03/2009

\*\* 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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