FORM 4

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

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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MUELLER MARK D  (Last) (First) (Middle)  1776 LINCOLN STREET					3. Da 12/3	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ST MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO [ SM ]  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2008  4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								(Check	all applicabl Director Officer (g below) Sr. V  idual or Join Form filed	Officer (give title Other (specify			able Line)
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)				2. Trans	nsaction h/Day/Year)		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securit		ties Acquired (A) or		or	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)	
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value 12/3					1/2008		J <sup>(1)</sup>		75		Α	\$17.2635	8,063			D			
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value 02/2				02/2	28/2009				M		185		A	(2)	8,248			D	
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																		
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/\)	Date, Tran		str.	5. Number of on Derivative		6. Date Exercisable a Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		e ar) Expiration	Securities Underly Derivative Security 3 and 4)		erlying urity (Instr. Amount or Number	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)
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	02/28/2009		C	ode M	V	(A)	(D) 185	02/28/200	$\dashv$	Date 02/28/2009		ommon Stock	of Shares	\$0	370		D	

## Explanation of Responses:

- $1.\ The\ reporting\ person\ purchased\ 75\ shares\ of\ the\ issuer's\ common\ stock\ on\ December\ 31,2008,\ through\ the\ issuer's\ Employee\ Stock\ Purchase\ Plan.$
- 2. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of stock. The restricted stock units were granted on February 28, 2008, are associated with fiscal year 2007, and vest in four equal installments beginning on the grant date. On the vesting dates, shares are issued to the reporting person, at which time all restrictions on the vested shares will lapse.

## Remarks:

Karin M. Writer (Attorney-In-

03/03/2009

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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