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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ST MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO [SM										5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
Whitcomb David J.					1									vi `	Director			10% Ov	vner	
						J									Officer (g	ive title		Other (s	pecify	
(Last)	(First)	(N	/liddle)				Earliest T	ransact	ion (Mont	h/Day	y/Year)			X	below)			below)		
1776 LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 700				06/30/2009										VP-Marketing						
						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Indiv	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street)														X	Form filed	d by One F	Reporti	ing Person		
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		Ta	able I - No	n-Deri	ivativ	e Se	curitie	s Acc	uired,	Dis	oosed o	f, or Be	enefi	cially Ow	ned					
Date				nsaction 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Execution Date, if any		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)						5. Amoun Securities Beneficial Following Transacti		Form	nership : Direct (D) direct (I) : 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
						Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D) Prio		Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)				(111341.4)				
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value 06				06/3	30/2009		J ⁽¹⁾	V	768		Α	\$17.2635	12,165			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 Da if any (Month/Day/\)	ate, Ti	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 a Securiti Derivati 3 and 4)	es Und ve Sec		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported	s silly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				c	ode	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title		Amount or Number of Shares		Transacti (Instr. 4)				
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	08/01/2009			A		3,025		(2)		(2)	Comm		3,025	\$0	3,025	5	D		

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The reporting person purchased 768 shares of the issuer's common stock on June 30, 2009, 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 unit grant vests over a three year period, with 1/7th vesting on August 1, 2010, 2/7th vesting on the August 1, 2011, and 4/7th vesting on August 1, 2012. The vested shares 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) 08/04/2009

** 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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