FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

I	OMB APPROVAL										
l	OMB Number:	3235-0287									
l	Estimated average burden										
l	hours per response:	0.5									

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Monark John R (Last) (First) (Middle) 1776 LINCOLN STREET SUITE 700 (Street) DENVER CO 80203						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ST MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO SM 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/15/2009 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									all applicable Director Officer (g below)	rector 10% Ow ficer (give title Other (s		able Line)	
(City)																			
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans Date (Month/						ear)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Transaction Dispose Code (Instr.			cquired (A				Form	nership : Direct (D) lirect (I) . 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)				(111341.4)					
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value 12/1							5/2009		M		181		Α	(1)	1,208			D	
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value 12/1						15/2009					57		D	\$35.36	1,151			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		3A. Deemed Execution Dat if any (Month/Day/Ye	Code (Instr.			5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Ex Expiration (Month/Da		Secu			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transacti	Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Co	Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisab		xpiration late	Title		Amount or Number of Shares	ount (Instr. 4		(0)		
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	12/15/2009			M			181	12/15/200	9 1	2/15/2009		ommon Stock	181	\$0	181		D	

Explanation of Responses

1. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to recieve one share of stock. This restricted stock unit grant vests in three equal annual installments beginning on December 15, 2008. 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:

<u>Karin M. Writer (Attorney-In-Fact)</u>

12/17/2009

** 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB Number.