FORM 4

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

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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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Monark John R  (Last) (First) (Middle)  1775 SHERMAN STREET					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ST MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO [ SM ] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2009										all applicab Director Officer (g below)	ive title	10% Owner		
(Street) DENVER (City)	(Street) DENVER CO 80203					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Indiv	ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
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Date				th/Day/Year) if		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)				ties Acquired (A) or I Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 an			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; \$.01 Par Value 12/3						31/2009			<b>J</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		489		A	\$17.978	1,6	1,640		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)	rivative Conversion Date Execution Date,			ate,	Code (Instr.		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)		te			derlying curity ) Amount	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			or Number of Shares					

## **Explanation of Responses:**

## Remarks:

Karin M. Writer (Attorney-In-

Fact)

03/02/2010

\*\* 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).
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<sup>1.</sup> The reporting person purchased 489 shares of the issuer's common stock on December 31, 2009, through the issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.