SEC Form 4

# FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> <u>PHARO MILAM RANDOLPH</u>				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ST MARY LAND &amp; EXPLORATION CO</u> [ SM ]							tionship of Reporting Person(s) to Issue all applicable) Director 10% 0		Dwner
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1775 SHERMAN ST.				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2009							Officer (give title below) SR. VP and C	Other (specify below) General Counsel	
SUITE 1200	4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person				
(Street) DENVER									Form filed by More	ng Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)											
		Table I - No	n-Derivat	tive S	ecurities Acq	uired,	Disp	osed of, or	Benefi	cially Ow	ned		
Date			2. Transact Date (Month/Day		2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities A Disposed Of (I			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
				Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock; S	\$.01 Par Value		12/31/2	2009		<b>J</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		396	A	\$17.978	32,779	D	
Common Stock; S	\$.01 Par Value		02/28/2	2010		М		181	A	(2)	32,960	D	
Common Stock; S	\$.01 Par Value		02/28/2	2010		М		311	A	(3)	33,271	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	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	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	02/28/2010		М			181	02/28/2010	02/28/2010	Common Stock	181	\$0	0	D	
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	02/28/2010		М			311	02/28/2010	02/28/2010	Common Stock	311	\$0	311	D	

#### Explanation of Responses:

1. Mr. Pharo purchased 396 shares of the issuer's common stock on December 31, 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 units were granted on February 28, 2007, are associated with fiscal year 2006, 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.

3. 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-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.

\* 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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