ST MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO

Form 4

March 02, 2010

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Zubieta Dennis A. | | | 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) | | |
|---|----------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) 1775 SHERN 1200 | 1775 SHERMAN STREET, SUITE | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2009 | Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) VP-Engineering & Evaluation | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting PersonForm filed by More than One Reporting | | |
| DENVER, CO 80203 | | | | Person | | |

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| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative | Secur | ities Acqui | ired, Disposed of, | or Beneficiall | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|-----------|------------------|--|---|---|---------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) | | | Beneficially For Owned (D) Following Ind | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value | 12/31/2009 | | J <u>(1)</u> | 405 | A | \$ 17.978 | 12,008 | D | |
| Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value | 02/28/2010 | | M | 325 | A | (2) | 12,333 | D | |
| Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value | 02/28/2010 | | F | 114 | D | \$ 32.58 | 12,219 | D | |
| Common | 02/28/2010 | | M | 129 | A | <u>(3)</u> | 12,348 | D | |

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Stock; \$.01 Par Value

Common

Stock; \$.01 02/28/2010 F 49 D \$ 32.58 12,299 D

Par Value

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | Onof Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) | Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|--------------------|---|--|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Units | (2) | 02/28/2010 | | M | 325 | 02/28/2010 | 02/28/2010 | Common Stock | 325 |
| Restricted Stock Units | <u>(3)</u> | 02/28/2010 | | M | 129 | 02/28/2010 | 02/28/2010 | Common Stock | 129 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Zubieta Dennis A. 1775 SHERMAN STREET SUITE 1200 DENVER, CO 80203

VP-Engineering & Evaluation

Reporting Owners 2

Signatures

Karin M. Writer (Attorney-In-Fact)

03/02/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) The reporting person purchased 405 shares of the issuer's common stock on December 31, 2009, through the issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- 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.
- Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of stock. The restricted stock units were granted on February (3) 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.

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