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| (Print or Type R | esponses) | | | | | | | | | | |
| MUELLER MARK D Symbol ST MAR | | | | er Name and Ticker or Trading ARY LAND & ORATION CO [SM] | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
| (Last) | (First) (| v v | | | | | Director X Officer (give | | 6 Owner er (specify | | |
| (Month/Da 1776 LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 09/10/20 700 | | | | • | | | | below) below) Sr. VP & Regional Manager | | | |
| | (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 Person | | | | | |
| DENVER, CO 80203 | | | | | | Iore than One Reporting | | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table | e I - Non-De | erivative S | Securi | ties Ac | quired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficia | lly Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year |) Execution any | emed on Date, if Day/Year) | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) Code V | Disposed (Instr. 3, | l (A) o l of (D |) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value | 09/10/2008 | | | М | 1,533 | A | <u>(1)</u> | 6,778 | D | | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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) | Transaction of Derivative Code Securities | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 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 | <u>(1)</u> | 09/10/2008 | | М | 1,533 | (2) | (2) | Common Stock | 1,533 | \$ |

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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|--|--|
| 1 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| MUELLER MARK D 1776 LINCOLN STREET SUITE 700 DENVER, CO 80203 | | | Sr. VP & Regional Manager | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | |

Date

Signatures

Karin M. Writer
(Attorney-In-Fact)09/10/2008

<u>**</u>Signature of Reporting Person

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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of stock.
- This restricted stock unit grant vests in three equal annual installments beginning on September 10, 2007. Upon the vesting of the (2) restricted stock units, common stock will be issued to the reporting person on the vesting dates, at which time all restrictions on the vested
- shares will lapse.

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