

ST MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Veatch Paul M

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) (First) (Middle)
 1776 LINCOLN ST., SUITE 700
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Sr. VP & Regional Manager

DENVER, CO 80203

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	12/31/2008		J ⁽¹⁾	V	226	A	\$ 17.2635
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	02/28/2009		M		293	A	② 6,993
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	02/28/2009		F		94	D	\$ 13.58 6,899

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Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	02/28/2009	M	1,114	A	(3)	8,013	D
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	02/28/2009	F	380	D	\$ 13.58	7,633	D
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	02/28/2009	M	1,438	A	(4)	9,071	D
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	02/28/2009	F	460	D	\$ 13.58	8,611	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. 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	02/28/2009		M	293	02/28/2009	02/28/2009	Common Stock	293
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	02/28/2009		M	1,114	02/28/2009	02/28/2009	Common Stock	1,114
Restricted Stock Units	(4)	02/28/2009		M	1,438	02/28/2009	02/28/2009	Common Stock	1,438

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Veatch Paul M 1776 LINCOLN ST. SUITE 700 DENVER, CO 80203			Sr. VP & Regional Manager	

Signatures

Karin M. Writer
(Attorney-In-Fact) 03/03/2009

**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) Mr. Veatch purchased 226 shares of the issuer's common stock on December 31, 2008, 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, 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, 2006, are associated with fiscal year 2005, 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.
 - (4) 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.

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