

ST MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
**HELLERSTEIN MARK 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) (First) (Middle)  
 1776 LINCOLN ST, STE 700  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/12/2006

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 President, CEO, & Chairman

DENVER, CO 80203

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	05/12/2006		M		18,292	A	\$ 6.2188
109,761						D	
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	05/12/2006		M		15,568	A	\$ 8.75
125,329						D	
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	05/12/2006		M		32,490	A	\$ 4.625
157,819						D	

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Common Stock; \$01 Par Value	05/12/2006	M	20,248	A	\$ 6.1875	178,067	D
Common Stock; \$01 Par Value	05/12/2006	M	13,402	A	\$ 16.6563	191,469	D
Common Stock; \$01 Par Value	05/12/2006	S <sup>(1)</sup>	33,500	D	\$ 39.5504	157,969	D
Common Stock; \$01 Par Value	05/12/2006	S <sup>(1)</sup>	66,500	D	\$ 38.6821	91,469	D
Common Stock; \$01 Par Value	05/15/2006	M	5,800	A	\$ 6.1875	97,269	D
Common Stock; \$01 Par Value	05/15/2006	S <sup>(1)</sup>	5,800	D	\$ 6.1875	91,469	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Underlying Securities	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 6.2188	05/12/2006		M	18,292	<u>(2)</u>	12/31/2006	Common Stock	18,

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Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 8.75	05/12/2006	M	15,568	<u>(3)</u>	12/31/2007	Common Stock	15,
Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 4.625	05/12/2006	M	32,490	<u>(4)</u>	12/31/2008	Common Stock	32,
Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 6.1875	05/12/2006	M	20,248	<u>(5)</u>	12/31/2009	Common Stock	20,
Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 16.6563	05/12/2006	M	13,402	<u>(6)</u>	12/31/2010	Common Stock	13,
Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 6.1875	05/15/2006	M	5,800	<u>(5)</u>	12/31/2010	Common Stock	5,8

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HELLERSTEIN MARK A 1776 LINCOLN ST STE 700 DENVER, CO 80203	X		President, CEO, & Chairman	

## Signatures

/s/ Karin M. Writer  
(Attorney-In-Fact) 05/16/2006

\_\_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 sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by Mr. Hellerstein on May 8, 2006.
- (2) The option vested on December 31, 1996.
- (3) The option vested on December 31, 1997.
- (4) The option vested as follows: 8,332 shares on January 1, 2000, 14,976 shares on December 31, 2000 and 9,182 shares on December 31, 2001.
- (5) The option vested in four equal installments on December 31, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002.
- (6) The option vested in four equal installments on December 31, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003.

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