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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement ST MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO [SM] A Leyendecker Gregory T (Month/Day/Year) 07/16/2007 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 1776 LINCOLN ST., Â STE. 700 (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person DENVER, COÂ 80203 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Vice President-General Manager Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value 128 Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	Expiration D	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		5. Ownership Form of Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Restricted Stock Unit	(2)	(2)	Common Stock	1,000	\$ <u>(1)</u>	D	Â
Restricted Stock Unit	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	103	\$ <u>(1)</u>	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Leyendecker Gregory T 1776 LINCOLN ST. STE. 700 DENVER, CO 80203	Â	Â	Vice President-General Manager	Â	

Signatures

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

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 the issuer's common stock.
- (2) The restricted stock units vest in three equal annual installments beginning December 1, 2007. Vested shares will be issued to the reporting person on December 1, 2009, at which time all restrictions lapse.
- (3) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning February 28, 2007. Vested shares will be issued to the reporting person on February 28, 2010, at which time all restrictions lapse.

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