

ST MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO
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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 *
 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 STREET, SUITE 700
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/19/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Senior Vice President

DENVER, CO 80203

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | | |
| Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value | 09/19/2006 | | M | 3,124 | A | \$ 11.95 | 3,777 | D |
| Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value | 09/19/2006 | | M | 3,124 | A | \$ 12.5 | 6,901 | D |
| Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value | 09/19/2006 | | S | 6,000 | D | \$ 37.47 | 901 | D |
| Common | 09/19/2006 | | S | 248 | D | \$ | 653 | D |

Stock; \$.01 Par Value 37.62

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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right-to-Buy) | \$ 11.95 | 09/19/2006 | | M | 3,124 | ⁽¹⁾ 09/30/2012 | Common Stock | 3,124 |
| Stock Option (Right-to-Buy) | \$ 12.5 | 09/19/2006 | | M | 3,124 | ⁽²⁾ 12/31/2012 | Common Stock | 3,124 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Veatch Paul M 1776 LINCOLN STREET SUITE 700 DENVER, CO 80203 | | | Senior Vice President | |

Signatures

Karin M. Writer (Attorney-In-Fact) 09/20/2006

__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).

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- (1) The stock option vested in four equal installments on September 30, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005.
- (2) The stock option vested in four equal installments on December 31, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005.

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