

ST MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO  
 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		
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	<sup>(1)</sup> 09/30/2012	Common Stock	3,124
Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 12.5	09/19/2006		M	3,124	<sup>(2)</sup> 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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