

ST MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO
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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 Pugh Stephen C

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)
 07/23/2008

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

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
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-------|---|
| | | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value | 07/23/2008 | | M | 1,000 | A | Ⓐ | 2,518 | D | |
| Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value | 07/23/2008 | | F | 306 | D | \$ | 43.62 | 2,212 | D |

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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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Units | (1) | 07/23/2008 | | M | 1,000 | 07/23/2008 07/23/2008 | Common Stock | 1,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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1776 LINCOLN STREET
SUITE 700
DENVER, CO 80203

Sr. VP & Regional Manager

Signatures

C. Mark Brannum
(Attorney-In-Fact)

07/24/2008

**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).

Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of stock. This is a special restricted stock unit grant which (1) vests in three equal annual installments beginning on July 23, 2007. The 1,000 vested shares were issued to the reporting person on July 23, 2008, at which time all restrictions on the vested shares lapsed.

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