

ST MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4** 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 \*  
**GARDINER WILLIAM J**

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)  
 02/02/2009

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	02/02/2009		M		8,064 A \$ 6.1875	37,602	D
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	02/02/2009		S <sup>(1)</sup>		8,064 D \$ 18.55	29,538	D
Common Stock; \$.01 Par	02/02/2009		M		7,438 A \$ 16.6563	36,976	D

Value

Common  
Stock;  
\$.01 Par  
Value

02/02/2009

S<sup>(1)</sup>

7,438

D

\$ 18.6

29,538

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 (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)	\$ 6.1875	02/02/2009		M	8,064	<sup>(2)</sup> 12/31/2009	Common Stock	8,064
Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 16.6563	02/02/2009		M	7,438	<sup>(3)</sup> 12/31/2010	Common Stock	7,438

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GARDINER WILLIAM J 1776 LINCOLN STREET SUITE 700 DENVER, CO 80203	X			

## Signatures

Karin M. Writer  
(Attorney-In-Fact) 02/03/2009

\*\*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 plan adopted by the reporting person on August 29, 2008.

(2) The option vested in four equal installments on December 31, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002.

(3) The option vested in four equal installments on December 31, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003.

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