

ST MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO  
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RE: St. Mary Land & Exploration Company  
File No. 0-20872

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Transmitted herewith is St. Mary Land & Exploration Company's Proxy Statement submitted on Schedule 14A. The Company intends to send the Proxy Statement to its Shareholders' on or about April 15, 2002.

Very truly yours,

/s/ RICHARD C. NORRIS

Richard C. Norris  
Vice President - Finance,  
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