

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 *
 Hertzler Jerold 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 ST., SUITE 700
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/06/2008

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP- Business Development

DENVER, CO 80203

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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	(D)	Price	
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	05/06/2008		S		218	D	\$ 47.853 0 ⁽¹⁾	Shares held of record by Mr. Hertzler's daughter
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	05/06/2008		M		20,736	A	\$ 4.625 31,011	
Common Stock;	05/06/2008		S		20,736	D	\$ 48.1657 10,275	

\$.01 Par Value

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Option(Right to Buy)	\$ 4.625	05/06/2008		M	20,736	<u>(2)</u> 12/31/2008	Common Stock 20,736

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hertzler Jerold M 1776 LINCOLN ST. SUITE 700 DENVER, CO 80203			VP- Business Development	

Signatures

Karin M. Writer
(Attorney-In-Fact) 05/08/2008

**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).
- (1) Mr. Hertzler also owns 10,275 shares in his name.
- (2) The total option grant vested as follows: 10,368 shares on December 31, 1999, 5,184 shares on December 31, 2000, and 5,184 shares on December 31, 2001.

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