STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

ST MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO

Form 4

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1(b).

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1 Name and Address of Departing De

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Leyendecker Gregory T				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) DENVER, CO 80203				 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2008 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) 						Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	ned a Date, if ay/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (Transactionor Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price			(D)	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)			
	Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	12/31/2008			J <u>(1)</u>	V	306	A	\$ 17.2635	2,560	D		
	Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	02/28/2009			M		26	A	(2)	2,586	D		
	Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	02/28/2008			M		232	A	(3)	2,818	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)	Transaction of Code Dec (Instr. 8) Sec (A) Dis of (osed D) r. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	02/28/2009		M		26	02/28/2009	02/28/2009	Common Stock	26
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	02/28/2009		M		232	02/28/2009	02/28/2009	Common Stock	232

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Leyendecker Gregory T 1776 LINCOLN ST. SUITE 700

VP-Regional Manager

DENVER, CO 80203

Signatures

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

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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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The reporting person purchased 306 shares of the issuer's common stock on December 31, 2008, through the issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

- Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of stock. The restricted stock units were granted on February 28, 2007, are associated with fiscal year 2006, and vest in four equal installments beginning on the grant date. On the vesting dates, shares are issued to the reporting person, at which time all restrictions on the vested shares will lapse.
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