

ST MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Whitcomb David J.		(Month/Day/Year)	ST MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO [SM]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	08/07/2008	
1776 LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 700			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
DENVER,Â COÂ 80203			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			VP-Marketing	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	9,627	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)  Title	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right-To-Buy)	Â (1)	09/30/2011	Common Stock	846	\$ 7.965	D	Â
Stock Option (Right-To-Buy)	Â (2)	12/31/2011	Common Stock	844	\$ 10,595	D	Â
Stock Option (Right-To-Buy)	Â (3)	03/31/2012	Common Stock	844	\$ 10.855	D	Â
Stock Option (Right-To-Buy)	Â (4)	06/30/2012	Common Stock	3,374	\$ 12.03	D	Â
Stock Option (Right-To-Buy)	Â (5)	09/30/2012	Common Stock	1,516	\$ 11.95	D	Â
Stock Option (Right-To-Buy)	Â (6)	12/31/2012	Common Stock	3,032	\$ 12.5	D	Â
Stock Option (Right-To-Buy)	Â (7)	03/31/2013	Common Stock	3,030	\$ 12.525	D	Â
Stock Option (Right-To-Buy)	Â (8)	06/30/2013	Common Stock	3,030	\$ 13.65	D	Â
Stock Option (Right-To-Buy)	Â (9)	09/30/2013	Common Stock	2,298	\$ 12.66	D	Â
Stock Option (Right-To-Buy)	Â (10)	10/22/2013	Common Stock	430	\$ 13.39	D	Â
Stock Option (Right-To-Buy)	Â (11)	12/31/2013	Common Stock	2,728	\$ 14.25	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	Â (13)	Â (13)	Common Stock	813	\$ (12)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	Â (14)	Â (14)	Common Stock	2,401	\$ (12)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	Â (15)	Â (15)	Common Stock	248	\$ (12)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	Â (16)	Â (16)	Common Stock	823	\$ (12)	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Whitcomb David J. 1776 LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 700 DENVER,Â COÂ 80203	Â	Â	Â VP-Marketing	Â

## Signatures

Karin M. Writer  
(Attorney-In-Fact)

08/13/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 option vests in four equal installments beginning September 30, 2001.
- (2) The option vests as follows: 844 shares on December 31, 2001, and the remainder in three subsequent equal annual installments beginning on September 30, 2002.
- (3) The option vests as follows: 844 shares on March 31, 2002, and the remainder in three subsequent equal annual installments beginning on September 30, 2002.
- (4) The option vests as follows: 844 shares on June 30, 2002, and the remainder in three subsequent equal annual installments beginning on September 30, 2002.
- (5) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on September 30, 2002.
- (6) The option vests as follows: 758 shares on December 31, 2002, and the remainder in three subsequent equal annual installments beginning on September 30, 2003.
- (7) The option vests as follows: 758 shares on March 31, 2003, and the remainder in three subsequent equal annual installments beginning on September 30, 2003.
- (8) The option vests as follows: 758 shares on June 30, 2003, and the remainder in three subsequent equal annual installments beginning on September 30, 2003.
- (9) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on September 30, 2003.
- (10) The option vests as follows: 108 shares on October 22, 2003, and the remainder in three subsequent equal annual installments beginning on September 30, 2004.
- (11) The option vests as follows: 682 shares on December 31, 2003, and the remainder in three subsequent equal annual installments beginning on September 30, 2004.
- (12) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the issuer's common stock.
- (13) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning on February 28, 2008. The vested shares will be issued to the reporting person on the vesting dates, at which time all restrictions on the vested shares will lapse.
- (14) The restricted stock units vest in three equal annual installments beginning on December 15, 2008. The vested shares will be issued to the reporting person on the vesting dates, at which time all restrictions on the vested shares will lapse.
- (15) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning on February 28, 2007. The vested shares will be issued to the reporting person on the vesting dates, at which time all restrictions on the vested shares will lapse.
- (16) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning on February 28, 2006. The vested shares will be issued to the reporting person on the vesting dates, at which time all restrictions on the vested shares will lapse.

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