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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

1(b).

Stock: \$.01

Par Value

12/15/2009

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Pugh Stephen C Issuer Symbol ST MARY LAND & (Check all applicable) EXPLORATION CO [SM] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 1776 LINCOLN STREET, SUITE 12/15/2009 Sr. VP & Regional Manager 700 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **DENVER, CO 80203** Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 5. Amount of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Indirect (I) Ownership Owned (Instr. 4) Following (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) (D) Price Code V Amount Common Stock; \$.01 12/15/2009 M 6,308 D 1,210 A <u>(1)</u> Par Value Common

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

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D S	Title of Derivative ecurity (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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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)	
					Code V	,	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
S	Restricted tock Inits	<u>(1)</u>	12/15/2009		M	1,210) 12/15/2009	12/15/2009	Common Stock	1,210

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Pugh Stephen C 1776 LINCOLN STREET SUITE 700 DENVER, CO 80203

Sr. VP & Regional Manager

Signatures

Karin M. Writer (Attorney-In-Fact) 12/17/2009

**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).
- Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of stock. This restricted stock unit grant vests in three equal (1) 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.

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