## ST MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO Form DEF 14A April 04, 2003

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RE: St. Mary Land & Exploration Company File No. 001-31539

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 7, 2003.

Very truly yours,

/s/ RICHARD C. NORRIS

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