ST MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(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 HELLERSTEIN MARK A Issuer Symbol ST MARY LAND & (Check all applicable) EXPLORATION CO [SM] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title Other (specify

1776 LINCOLN ST, STE 700

(Month/Day/Year) 05/31/2006

below) President, CEO, and Chairman

(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

Person

DENVER, CO 80203

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tak	-Derivative S	ed, 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitie orDisposed o (Instr. 3, 4	f (D)	uired (A) or Price	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	05/31/2006		M	36,180	A	\$ 16.6563	127,649	D	
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	05/31/2006		M	21,766	A	\$ 7.965	149,415	D	
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	05/31/2006		M	21,766	A	\$ 10.595	171,181	D	

Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	05/31/2006	M	21,764	A	\$ 10.855	192,945	D
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	05/31/2006	M	15,024	A	\$ 11.58	207,969	D
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	05/31/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	116,500	D	\$ 39	91,469	D
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	06/01/2006	M	2,000	A	\$ 12.5	93,469	D
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	06/01/2006	M	22,628	A	\$ 12.525	116,097	D
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	06/01/2006	M	22,628	A	\$ 13.65	138,725	D
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	06/01/2006	M	15,173	A	\$ 13.39	153,898	D
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	06/01/2006	M	15,173	A	\$ 14.25	169,071	D
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	06/01/2006	M	22,398	A	\$ 11.58	191,469	D
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	06/01/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	100,000	D	\$ 38.6689	91,469	D
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	06/01/2006	M	90,102	A	\$ 11.58	181,571	D
	06/01/2006	S(1)	90,102	D	\$ 39.001	91,469	D

Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value							
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	06/02/2006	M	12,500	A	\$ 11.58	103,969	D
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	06/02/2006	S(1)	12,500	D	\$ 39.2462	91,469	D

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securi
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of S
Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 16.6563	05/31/2006		M		36,180	(2)	12/31/2010	Common Stock	36,
Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 7.965	05/31/2006		M		21,766	(3)	09/30/2011	Common Stock	21,
Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 10.595	05/31/2006		M		21,766	<u>(4)</u>	12/31/2011	Common Stock	21,
Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 10.855	05/31/2006		M		21,764	<u>(5)</u>	03/31/2012	Common Stock	21,
Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 11.58	05/31/2006		M		15,024	<u>(6)</u>	06/01/2012	Common Stock	15,
Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 12.5	06/01/2006		M		2,000	<u>(7)</u>	12/31/2012	Common Stock	2,0
	\$ 12.525	06/01/2006		M		22,628	(8)	03/31/2013		22,

Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)							Common Stock	
Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 13.65	06/01/2006	M	22,628	<u>(9)</u>	06/30/2013	Common Stock	22,
Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 13.39	06/01/2006	M	15,173	(10)	10/22/2013	Common Stock	15,
Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 14.25	06/01/2006	M	15,173	(11)	12/31/2013	Common Stock	15,
Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 11.58	06/01/2006	M	22,398	<u>(6)</u>	06/01/2012	Common Stock	22,
Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 11.58	06/01/2006	M	90,102	<u>(6)</u>	06/01/2012	Common Stock	90,
Stock Option (Right-to-Buy)	\$ 11.58	06/02/2006	M	12,500	<u>(6)</u>	06/01/2012	Common Stock	12,

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
r g	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
HELLERSTEIN MARK A 1776 LINCOLN ST STE 700 DENVER, CO 80203	X		President, CEO, and Chairman				

Signatures

/s/ Karin M. Writer (Attorney-in-Fact) 06/02/2006

**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) The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by Mr. Hellerstein on May 8, 2006.
- (2) The stock option vested in four equal installments on December 31, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003.
- (3) The stock option vested in four equal installments on September 30, 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004.
- (4) The stock option vested in four equal installments on December 31, 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004.
- (5) The stock option vested in four equal installments on March 31, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005.
- (6) The total option grant vests as follows: 50,000 shares on June 1, 2002, 50,000 shares on June 1, 2003, 75,000 shares on June 1, 2004, 75,000 shares on June 1, 2005, 125,000 shares on June 1, 2006, and 125,000 shares on June 1, 2007.
- (7) The stock option vested in four equal installments on December 31, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005.
- (8) The stock option vested in four equal installments on March 31, 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006.
- (9) The stock option vested in four equal installments on June 30, 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006.
- (10) The stock option vested in four equal installments on October 22, 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006.

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(11) The stock option vested in four equal installments on December 31, 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006.

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