ST MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO

Form 4 May 23, 2005

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * YORK DOUGLAS W			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			ST MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO [SM]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	Director 10% Owner		
1776 LINCOLN ST, STE 700			(Month/Day/Year) 05/19/2005	_X_ Officer (give title Other (spe below) below) Exec. VP & COO		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	rities Acquir	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	oror Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (4 and 5 (A) or	5)	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	05/19/2005		Code V M	Amount 5,828	(D)	Price \$ 16.6562	18,324	D	
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	05/19/2005		S	5,828 (1)	D	\$ 25	12,496	D	
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	05/19/2005		M	11,436	A	\$ 7.965	23,932	D	

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Common Stock; \$.01 par Value	05/19/2005	S	11,436 (2)	D	\$ 25	12,496	D
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	05/19/2005	M	11,436	A	\$ 10.595	23,932	D
Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value	05/19/2005	S	11,436 (3)	D	\$ 25	12,496	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)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	e	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and 4	Seci
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	A or N of
Stock Option (Right-To-Buy)	\$ 16.6562	05/19/2005		M		5,828	12/31/2000	12/31/2010	Common Stock	4
Stock Option (Right-To-Buy)	\$ 7.96	05/19/2005		M		11,436	09/30/2001	09/30/2011	Common Stock	1
Stock Option (Right-To-Buy)	\$ 10.595	05/19/2005		M		11,436	12/31/2001	12/31/2011	Common Stock	1

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
YORK DOUGLAS W			Exec. VP & COO					

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Brenda L Schohn (Attorney-In-Fact)

05/23/2005

**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).
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- (1) This sales reported in this Form 4 were affected pursuant to a Rule 10b-1 sales plan adopted by the reporting person on May 16, 2005
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