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ST MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO Form 8-K December 17, 2009

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) December 17, 2009 (December 16, 2009)

St. Mary Land & Exploration Company (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-31539 41-0518430 (State or other (Commission (I.R.S. Employer jurisdiction of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

1776 Lincoln Street, Suite 700, Denver, Colorado 80203 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (303) 861-8140

Not applicable (Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2.):

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2. of Form 8-K, the following information, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall such information and Exhibit be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

On December 16, 2009, St. Mary Land & Exploration Company (the "Company") issued a press release announcing the Company's 2010 capital budget and production forecast. A copy of this press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is furnished as part of this report:

Exhibit Description

99.1 Press release of St. Mary Land & Exploration Company dated December 16, 2009, entitled St. Mary Announces 2010 Capital Budget and Production Forecast

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ST. MARY LAND & EXPLORATION COMPANY

Date: December 17, 2009 By: /s/ MARK T. SOLOMON

Mark T. Solomon

Controller