

ST MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 NANCE ROBERT L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 ST MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO [SM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/08/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Senior Vice President

NANCE PETROLEUM CORPORATION, PO BOX 7168

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

BILLINGS, MT 59103-7168

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common stock, \$.01 Par Value	05/08/2006		S <sup>(1)</sup>	700 D \$ 41.41	774,119 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By Self as Trustee for Robert L. Nance TTEE for Robert S. Nance Financial Mgt. Trust
Common stock, \$.01	05/08/2006		S <sup>(1)</sup>	3,800 D \$ 41.3	770,319 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	By Self as Trustee for



## 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 shares were sold by a trust for which Mr. Nance is a trustee. Mr. Nance has an indirect pecuniary interest in the trust as he is a trustee of the trust and his son is a beneficiary of the trust. Mr. Nance has no beneficiary economic benefit that is derived from this trust.

This total includes 230,764 shares held by a trust for which Mr. Nance is a trustee. Mr. Nance has an indirect pecuniary interest in the trust as he is a trustee of the trust and his son is a beneficiary of the trust. Mr. Nance has no beneficiary economic benefit that is derived from this trust.

(2) This total includes 226,964 shares held by a trust for which Mr. Nance is a trustee. Mr. Nance has an indirect pecuniary interest in the trust as he is a trustee of the trust and his son is a beneficiary of the trust. Mr. Nance has no beneficiary economic benefit that is derived from this trust.

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