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ST MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO Form 8-K October 19, 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) October 16, 2009 (October 16, 2009)

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

Delaware 001-31539 41-0518430 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer 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.):

the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2.):
[_] Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
[_] Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
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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 October 16, 2009, St. Mary Land & Exploration Company (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that the Company's Board of Directors has declared a semi-annual cash dividend of \$0.05 per share of common stock. The dividend will be paid November 9, 2009, to stockholders of record as of the close of business October 30, 2009. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and incorporated by reference herein.

The forward looking cautionary statement contained in Exhibit 99.1 referred to "St. Mary's 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K/A filed with the SEC." In 2008 St. Mary did not amend its 10K. Thus, the reference should have been to St. Mary's 2008 Annual Report on Form 10K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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

report:

Exhibit 99.1 Press release of St. Mary Land & Exploration

Company dated October 16, 2009, entitled St. Mary

Board Declares Semi-Annual Cash Dividend

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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: October 16, 2009 By: /s/ C. MARK BRANNUM

C. Mark Brannum

Senior Legal Counsel & Secretary

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