

NANCE ROBERT L
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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)
06/13/2005

____ 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |

Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value

06/13/2005

G V 109,100₍₁₎ A \$ 0

794,098 (2) I

By Self as Trustee for Robert L. Nance TTEE for Robert S. Nance Financial Mgt. Trust

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| Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value | 11/08/2005 | S | 14,000 <u>(3)</u> | D | \$ 33.9539 | 780,098 | I | By Self as Trustee for Robert L. Nance TTEE for Robert S. Nance Financial Mgt. Trust |
| Common Stock; \$.01 Par Value | 11/09/2005 | S | 6,000 <u>(3)</u> | D | \$ 33.931 | 774,098 | I | By Self as Trustee for Robert L. Nance TTEE for Robert S. Nance Financial Mgt. Trust |

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| NANCE ROBERT L NANCE PETROLEUM CORPORATION PO BOX 7168 BILLINGS, MT 59103-7168 | | | Senior Vice President | |

Signatures

Karin M. Writer
(Attorney-In-Fact) 11/10/2005

**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) Mr. Nance's son gifted the shares to 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) Total includes the following corrections of math errors in Column 5 of Table 1 on previously filed Form 5s: subtraction of 490 shares on the Form 5 for the year 2000, subtraction of 550 shares on the Form 5 for the year 2001 and the addition of 2 shares on the Form 5 for the year 2004. Total also includes 1,040 shares acquired during 1999 and 964 shares acquired during 2003 under the St. Mary Land & Exploration Company Employee Stock Purchase Plan. These corrections are presented on a post split basis (2 for 1 stock split on 8-21-00 and 2 for 1 stock split on 3-31-05)
- (3) 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.

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