

NANCE ROBERT L  
Form 4  
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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

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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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