

ST MARY LAND & EXPLORATION CO

Form 8-K

August 08, 2007

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)

August 8, 2007 (August 2, 2007)

**St. Mary Land & Exploration Company**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

001-31539  
(Commission  
File Number)

41-0518430  
(I.R.S. Employer  
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

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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**Item 1.01            Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On August 2, 2007, St. Mary Land & Exploration Company ( St. Mary ) entered into an agreement for the acquisition by St. Mary of oil and gas properties located in South Texas in exchange for a purchase price of \$153.1 million in cash. The parties to the agreement are St. Mary and Rockford Energy Partners II, LLC. St. Mary attributes approximately 95 BCFE of estimated proved net reserves to the properties. The agreement provides for a due diligence review of the properties by St. Mary and a scheduled closing on October 4, 2007, with the transaction to be effective under the agreement as of July 1, 2007.

This report contains forward looking statements within the meaning of securities laws. The word estimate and similar expressions are intended to identify forward looking statements. These statements involve known and unknown risks, which may cause St. Mary's actual results to differ materially from results expressed or implied by the forward looking statements. These risks include such factors as the pending nature of the announced acquisition of properties in South Texas as well as the ability to complete this transaction, the uncertain nature of the expected benefits from the acquisition of oil and gas properties and the ability to successfully integrate acquisitions, volatility and level of oil and natural gas prices, unexpected drilling conditions and results, the risks of various exploration and hedging strategies, production rates and reserve replacement, the imprecise nature of oil and gas reserve estimates, drilling and operating service availability, uncertainties in cash flow, the financial strength of hedge contract counterparties, the availability of economically attractive exploration and development and property acquisition opportunities and any necessary financing, competition, litigation, environmental matters, the potential impact of government regulations, the use of management estimates, and other such matters discussed in the Risk Factors section of St. Mary's 2006 Annual Report on Form 10-K/A and subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC. Although St. Mary may from time to time voluntarily update its prior forward looking statements, it disclaims any commitment to do so except as required by securities laws.

**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: August 8, 2007

By: /s/ DAVID W. HONEYFIELD  
David W. Honeyfield  
Senior Vice President - Chief Financial Officer,

Secretary, and Treasurer