

Contango ORE, Inc.  
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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 \*  
Gaines Leah S

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
3700 BUFFALO  
SPEEDWAY, SUITE 925  
(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77098

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Contango ORE, Inc. [CTGO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
08/26/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Chief Financial Officer

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

**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)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	08/26/2016		A		10,000 (1)	A	\$ 0 (1) 45,000 D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	08/27/2016		M		4,372 (2)	A	\$ 10.01 49,372 (2) D

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.01	08/27/2016		M	7,500 <u>(2)</u>	<u>(3)</u> 09/25/2018	Common Stock	500 <u>(2)</u>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Gaines Leah S 3700 BUFFALO SPEEDWAY SUITE 925 HOUSTON, TX 77098			Chief Financial Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Leah Gaines 09/01/2016

    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) The reporting person was granted 10,000 shares of restricted stock on August 26, 2016. The shares of restricted stock vest in three equal annual installments beginning on August 26, 2016.
- (2) On August 27, 2016, the reporting person received 4,372 shares of Common Stock upon the net exercise of 7,500 of the reporting person's stock options. The reporting person forfeited 3,128 shares of Common Stock underlying the stock options in payment of the exercise price resulting from the exercise, using the closing stock price on August 26, 2016 of \$24.
- (3) The stock options fully vested on September 25, 2015.

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