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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 * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Gaines Leah S Issuer Symbol Contango ORE, Inc. [CTGO] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title 3700 BUFFALO 02/21/2017 below) SPEEDWAY, SUITE 925 Chief Financial Officer (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

HOUSTON, TX 77098

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-Do	erivative S	Securi	ties Acq	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
C			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	, ,	, ,
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	02/21/2017		S	535	D	\$ 20	39,344	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	02/21/2017		S	799	D	\$ 20.5	38,545	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	02/23/2017		S	100	D	\$ 20	38,445	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. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price Derivat Security (Instr. 5
					(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 10.01					<u>(1)</u>	09/25/2018	Common Stock	7,500	

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 02/23/2017

**Signature of 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 options fully vested on September 25, 2015.

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