Greenberg Joseph G. Form 4 November 16, 2017

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

Stock, par

value \$0.01

Common Stock, par

value \$0.01

11/14/2017

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(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and A Greenberg J | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Contango ORE, Inc. [CTGO] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | | | | g | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|---|--|--|
| 3700 BUFF. SUITE 925 | (Month/Day/Year) 11/14/2017 | | | | | X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) | | | | | |
| HOUSTON | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea | saction Date 2A. Deem /Day/Year) Execution any (Month/D. | | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) | | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 | 11/14/2017 | | | A | 25,000 | A | \$ 0 (1) | 132,832 | D | | |
| Common | | | | | | | \$ 10 | | | | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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20,000 A

10,000 D

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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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---------|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 10 | 11/14/2017 | | M | 20,000 | (2) | 12/07/2017 | Common Stock | 20,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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Signatures

/s/ Leah Gaines as Attorney in Fact for Joseph G. Greenberg

11/16/2017

**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 shares represent a grant of restricted stock which vest on January 1, 2020.

On November 14, 2017, the reporting person received 10,000 shares of Common Stock upon the net exercise of 20,000 of the reporting person's stock options that were granted on December 7, 2012 with an exercise price of \$10.00. The reporting person forfeited 10,000 shares of Common Stock underlying the stock option in payment of the exercise price resulting from the exercise, using the closing stock price on November 13, 2017, of \$20. These options fully vested on December 7, 2014.

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