

Contango ORE, Inc.  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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|--|---|---|--|---|--|
| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Gaines Leah S</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>3700 BUFFALO SPEEDWAY,<br/>                 SUITE 925</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>HOUSTON,Â TXÂ 77098</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>10/01/2013</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>Contango ORE, Inc. [CTGO]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br/>                 (give title below) (specify below)<br/>                 Chief Financial Officer</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

|   |   |  |   |
|---|---|--|---|
| <p>1. Title of Security<br/>                 (Instr. 4)</p> | <p>2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br/>                 (Instr. 4)</p> | <p>3. Ownership Form:<br/>                 Direct (D)<br/>                 or Indirect (I)<br/>                 (Instr. 5)</p> | <p>4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br/>                 (Instr. 5)</p> |
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

|  |   |  |   |   |   |
|--|---|--|---|---|---|
| <p>1. Title of Derivative Security<br/>                 (Instr. 4)</p> | <p>2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br/>                 (Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>Date Exercisable      Expiration Date</p> | <p>3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br/>                 (Instr. 4)</p> <p>Title      Amount or Number of Shares</p> | <p>4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security</p> | <p>5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:<br/>                 Direct (D)<br/>                 or Indirect (I)</p> | <p>6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br/>                 (Instr. 5)</p> |
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(Instr. 5)

Stock Option (Right to Buy)      Â (1)      09/25/2018    15,000 (1)    15,000 (1)    \$ 10.01      D      Â

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Leah Gaines      10/02/2013

\_\_Signature of      Date  
Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) 5,000 shares of the option grant vested on 9/25/2013, 5,000 shares of the option grant vest on 9/25/2014 and the remaining 5,000 shares of the option grant vest on 09/25/2015.

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### Remarks:

Leah Gaines was appointed Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Accounting Officer, Treasurer

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