Contango ORE, Inc. Form 4
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#### FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

Stock, par

value \$0.01

Common

Stock, par

value \$0.01

08/27/2016

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** COMPOFELICE JOSEPH S |   |               | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol |           |   |             |       | ng           | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer   |                  |          |  |
|---|---|---------------|--|-----------|---|-------------|-------|--------------|--|------------------|----------|--|
|   |   |               | Contango ORE, Inc. [CTGO]                          |           |   |             |       |              | (Check all applicable)   |                  |          |  |
| (Last)  | (First) (I                              | Middle)       | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction                    |           |   |             |       |              | ••   |                  |          |  |
| 3700 BUFFALO SPEEDWAY,<br>SUITE 925                             |   |               | (Month/Day/Year)<br>08/27/2016                     |           |   |             |       |              | X_ Director 10% Owner<br>Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  |                  |          |  |
|   | (Street)                                | 4             | 4. If Amendment, Date Original                     |           |   |             | l     |              | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  |                  |          |  |
| Fil   |   |               | Filed(Month/Day/Year)                              |           |   |             |       |              | Applicable Line)   |                  |          |  |
| HOUSTON, TX 77098   |   |               |  |           |   |             |       |              | _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |                  |          |  |
| (City)  | (State)                                 | (Zip)         | Table  | e I - Noi | n-D   | erivative : | Secur | ities Acq    | uired, Disposed of   | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |  |
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                            | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Execution any | ion Date, if T                                     |           | 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)  (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price |             |       | d of (D)     | 5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) |                  |          |  |
| Common<br>Stock, par<br>value \$0.01                            | 08/27/2016                              |               |  | M         | •   | 2,344       | A     | \$ 12.75 (1) | 55,366   | D                |          |  |
| Common  |   |               |  |           |   |             |       | <u> </u>     |  |                  |          |  |

\$ 10

\$ 10

61,199

64,116

D

D

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

M

M

5,833

2.917

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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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(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 Exer<br>Expiration D<br>(Month/Day) | ate                | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                     |
|---|---|---|---|---|---------|---|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
|   |   |   |   | Code V  | (A) (D) | Date<br>Exercisable                         | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                         | \$ 12.75  | 08/27/2016                              |   | M   | 5,000   | <u>(1)</u>                                  | 09/15/2016         | Common<br>Stock   | 5,000                               |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)                | \$ 10   | 08/27/2016                              |   | M   | 10,000  | (2)   | 07/03/2017         | Common<br>Stock   | 10,000                              |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)                | \$ 10   | 08/27/2016                              |   | M   | 5,000   | (3)   | 12/07/2017         | Common<br>Stock   | 5,000                               |

## **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |  |  |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| Troporting of the Francisco      | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |
| COMPOFELICE JOSEPH S             |               |           |         |       |  |  |
| 3700 BUFFALO SPEEDWAY, SUITE 925 | X             |           |         |       |  |  |
| HOUSTON, TX 77098                |               |           |         |       |  |  |

### **Signatures**

/s/ Leah Gaines as Attorney in Fact for Joseph C.
Compofelice
09/02/2016

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

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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).
- On August 27, 2016, the reporting person received 2,344 shares of Common Stock upon the net exercise of 5,000 of the reporting person's stock options that were granted on 9/15/2011. The reporting person forfeited 2,656 shares of Common Stock underlying the stock option in payment of the exercise price resulting from the exercise, using the closing stock price on August 26, 2016, of \$24. These options fully vested on September 15, 2013.
- On August 27, 2016, the reporting person received 5,833 shares of Common Stock upon the net exercise of 10,000 of the reporting person's stock options that were granted on 7/3/2012. The reporting person forfeited 4,167 shares of Common Stock underlying the stock option in payment of the exercise price resulting from the exercise, using the closing stock price on August 26, 2016, of \$24. These options fully vested on July 3, 2014.
- On August 27, 2016, the reporting person received 2,917 shares of Common Stock upon the net exercise of 5,000 of the reporting person's stock options that were granted on 12/7/2012. The reporting person forfeited 2,083 shares of Common Stock underlying the stock option in payment of the exercise price resulting from the exercise, using the closing stock price on August 26, 2016, of \$24. These options fully vested on December 7, 2014.

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