



CONTANGO ORE, INC.

NEWS RELEASE

Contango ORE, Inc. Announces Earnings

For the Quarter Ended December 31, 2018

February 8, 2019– HOUSTON, TX. Contango ORE, Inc. (“CORE” or the “Company”) (OTCQB: CTGO) announced today that it has filed its Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 31, 2018 with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Company reported a net loss of \$1.8 million, or (\$0.30) per basic and diluted share, for the three months ended December 31, 2018 compared to a net loss of \$0.8 million or \$(0.14) per basic and diluted share for the same period last year. For the six months ended December 31, 2018, the Company reported a net loss of \$4.8 million, or (\$0.77) per basic and diluted share, compared to a net loss of \$1.5 million, or (\$0.28) per basic and diluted share, for the same period last year. The increase in the net loss for the three month and six month period is primarily due to resumption of the Company making capital contributions to Peak Gold, LLC, as a result of Royal Gold earning its full 40% interest in the joint venture. Accordingly, the Company has resumed recognizing its allocable share of the Peak Gold, LLC losses. The increase in net loss is also due to an increase in non-cash stock compensation expense resulting from higher stock prices and increased legal fees.

About CORE

CORE is a Houston-based company that engages in the exploration in Alaska for gold and associated minerals through Peak Gold, LLC, its joint venture company with Royal Gold, Inc. Additional information can be found on our web page at www.contangoore.com.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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