

TCW GROUP INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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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 \*  
TRUST CO OF THE WEST

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CONTANGO OIL & GAS CO  
[MCF]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
865 SOUTH FIGUEROA STREET,  
STE. 1800

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/19/2005

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

(Street)  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90017

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_X\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/19/2005                           |  | S                              | 14,700  | D \$ 7.6255   | 2,873,552  | D (1) (2)                         |
| Common Stock                    | 01/20/2005                           |  | S                              | 21,700  | D \$ 7.6883   | 2,851,852  | D (1) (2)                         |

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. Number of Derivative Securities 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| TRUST CO OF THE WEST<br>865 SOUTH FIGUEROA STREET, STE. 1800<br>LOS ANGELES, CA 90017 |               | X         |         |       |
| TCW GROUP INC<br>865 SOUTH FIGUEROA STREET, STE. 1800<br>LOS ANGELES, CA 90017        |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Lazarus N. Sun, Authorized Signatory 01/21/2005

\*\*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) Trust Company of the West, a California trust company ("TCW") holds its securities in Contango Oil & Gas Co. ("Contango") as Investment Manager pursuant to the Investment Management Agreement, dated as of June 6, 1988, between General Mills, Inc. and TCW and as Custodian pursuant to the Custody Agreement, dated as of February 6, 1989, among General Mills, Inc., TCW and State Street Bank and Trust Company, as Trustee. Trust Company of the West disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of Contango Common Stock reported herein. The TCW Group, Inc., a Nevada corporation ("TCWG"), as the parent of TCW may be deemed to beneficially own shares of Contango Common Stock deemed to be owned by TCW; TCWG disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of Contango Common Stock reported herein and the filing of this Form 4 shall not be construed as an admission that any such entity is the beneficial owner of any securities covered by such filing.

(2) TCWG is primarily engaged in the provision of investment management services. The ultimate parent company of TCWG and TCW is Societe Generale, S.A., a company incorporated under the laws of France ("SG"). The principal business of SG is acting as a holding company for a global financial services group, which includes certain distinct specialized business units that are independently operated, including TCWG. SG, for purposes of the federal securities laws, may be deemed ultimately to control TCWG and TCW. SG, its executive officers and directors, and its direct and indirect subsidiaries (including all of its business units except TCWG), may

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beneficially own securities of the Issuer and such securities are not reported in this statement.

### **Remarks:**

These shares are owned directly by TCW. The securities laws deem TCWG to be an indirect beneficial owner of the shares listed below.

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