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March 17, 2006

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) March 17, 2006

CONTANGO OIL & GAS COMPANY  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

DELAWARE	001-16317	95-4079863
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

3700 BUFFALO SPEEDWAY, SUITE 960  
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77098  
(Address of principal executive offices)

(713) 960-1901  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS

Contango Oil & Gas Company (AMEX:MCF) announced today that two affiliated companies, Republic Exploration LLC ("REX") and Contango Offshore Exploration, LLC ("COE"), bid on 22 lease blocks offered at the Central Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale #198 held on March 15, 2006 in New Orleans, and were the apparent high bidders on 12 and 4 lease blocks, respectively. The sale covered areas in the central part of the Outer Continental Shelf, offshore from the Louisiana coastline. An apparent high bid ("AHB") gives the bidding party priority in award of offered tracts, notwithstanding the fact that the Minerals Management Service ("MMS") may reject all bids for a given tract. The MMS review process can take up to 90 days on some bids. Upon completion of that process, final results for all AHBs will be known.

Contango owns approximately 43% and 76% of REX and COE, respectively. If these blocks are awarded, Contango will own interests, both directly and

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indirectly vis-a-vis its affiliates, in 68 federal lease blocks in the Gulf of Mexico.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description of Document
99.1	Press release dated March 17, 2006.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CONTANGO OIL & GAS COMPANY

Date: March 17, 2006

By: /s/ KENNETH R. PEAK

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Kenneth R. Peak  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer