

# CONTANGO OIL & GAS COMPANY

## NEWS RELEASE

### Contango to Present at the IPAA Oil & Gas Investment Symposium

APRIL 18, 2005 – HOUSTON, TEXAS – Contango Oil & Gas Company (AMEX:MCF) Chairman and CEO, Kenneth R. Peak, will make a corporate presentation at the IPAA Oil & Gas Investment Symposium on Wednesday, April 20, 2005 in New York.

A copy of the slide presentation will be made available on the Contango website at [www.contango.com](http://www.contango.com). The presentation will be webcast live beginning at approximately 7:45 AM Houston time (8:45 AM Eastern Time). A replay of the presentation will be available shortly after the presentation. Details for the presentation, live webcast and replay are as follows:

Date & Time: Wednesday, April 20, 2005 at 7:45 AM Houston time (8:45 AM Eastern Time)  
Presenter: Kenneth R. Peak, Chairman and CEO  
Live Webcast Address: <http://www.vcall.com/CEPage.asp?ID=91282>  
Replay Address: [www.contango.com](http://www.contango.com).

Contango is a Houston-based, independent natural gas and oil company. The Company explores, develops, produces and acquires natural gas and oil properties primarily onshore in the Gulf Coast and offshore in the Gulf of Mexico. Contango also owns a 10% partnership interest in Freeport LNG Development L.P., a 32% interest in Contango Capital Partnership Management, LLC, which was formed to invest in the alternative energy venture capital market with a focus on environmentally preferred energy technologies, and a 25% interest in the Contango Capital Partners Fund, L.P. Additional information can be found on our web page at [www.contango.com](http://www.contango.com).

This press release contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties, and actual events or results may differ materially from Contango's expectations. The statements reflect Contango's current views with respect to future events that involve risks and uncertainties, including those related to successful negotiations with other parties, oil and gas exploration risks, price volatility, production levels, closing of transactions, capital availability, operational and other risks, uncertainties and factors described from time to time in Contango's publicly available reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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