

ROYAL GOLD INC

Form 4

August 18, 2016

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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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Heissenbittel William Holmes

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1660 WYNKOOP, #1000

(Street)

DENVER, CO 80202

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
ROYAL GOLD INC [RGLD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/16/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify
below)

VP Corporate Development

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	08/16/2016		M	3,272 A \$ 0	67,102 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	08/16/2016		F	1,491 ⁽²⁾ D \$ 0	65,611 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	08/16/2016		A	3,150 ⁽³⁾ A \$ 0	68,761 ⁽⁴⁾	D	

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Shares	\$ 0	08/16/2016		M	3,272	<u>(5)</u> 08/20/2020	Common Stock	3,272
Stock Option (ISO-Right to Buy)	\$ 83.29	08/16/2016		A	1,200	<u>(6)</u> 08/16/2026	Common Stock	1,200
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 83.29	08/16/2016		A	7,720	<u>(6)</u> 08/16/2026	Common Stock	7,720
Performance Shares	\$ 0	08/16/2016		A	6,560	<u>(5)</u> 08/16/2019	Common Stock	6,560
Performance Shares	\$ 0	08/16/2016		A	6,560	<u>(5)</u> 08/16/2021	Common Stock	6,560

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Heissenbuttel William Holmes 1660 WYNKOOP #1000 DENVER, CO 80202			VP Corporate Development	

Signatures

Margaret A. Beck as Attorney-in-Fact for William Holmes
Heissenbuttel

08/18/2016

____Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Includes 20,443 shares of restricted stock that have not vested.
- (2) Represents shares withheld to satisfy taxes; no shares were sold.
- (3) Grant of restricted stock with a 2-year hold and then vesting as to one-third in years 3, 4 and 5.
- (4) Includes 23,593 shares of restricted stock that have not vested.
- (5) A performance award represents a contingent right to receive shares of common stock upon achievement of certain performance goals.
- (6) One-third vests annually over 3 years beginning on August 16, 2017.

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