

ROYAL GOLD INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
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)  
08/20/2015

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP Corp Dev & Ops

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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                    | 08/20/2015                           |  | A                              | 5,210<br>(1)  | \$ 0 64,992 (2)   | 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)**

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| 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Option (ISO-Right to Buy)            | \$ 56.54   | 08/20/2015                           |  | A                              | 1,768   | (3) 08/20/2025   | Common Stock  | 1,768                      |
| Stock Appreciation Rights                  | \$ 56.54   | 08/20/2015                           |  | A                              | 15,618  | (3) 08/20/2025   | Common Stock  | 15,618                     |
| Performance Shares                         | \$ 0   | 08/20/2015                           |  | A                              | 5,416   | (4) 08/20/2018   | Common Stock  | 5,416                      |
| Performance Shares                         | \$ 0   | 08/20/2015                           |  | A                              | 5,414   | (4) 08/20/2020   | Common Stock  | 5,414                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| Heissenbittel William Holmes<br>1660 WYNKOOP<br>#1000<br>DENVER, CO 80202 |               |           | VP Corp Dev & Ops |       |

## Signatures

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

08/24/2015

\*\*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) Grant of restricted stock with a two year hold and then vesting as to one-third in years 3, 4 and 5.

(2) Includes 26,443 shares of restricted stock that have not yet vested.

(3) One-third vests annually over three years beginning on August 20, 2016.

(4) A performance award represents a contingent right to receive shares of common stock upon achievement of certain performance goals.

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