

ROYAL GOLD INC  
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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)  
12/21/2016

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 Corporate Development

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/21/2016		M	6,640 A \$ 29.75	73,915 <u>(1)</u>	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2016		M	3,360 A \$ 29.75	77,275 <u>(1)</u>	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2016		M	3,000 A \$ 30.96	80,275 <u>(1)</u>	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2016		M	7,000 A \$ 30.96	87,275 <u>(1)</u>	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2016		D	3,463 <u>(2)</u> D \$ 62.59	83,812 <u>(1)</u>	D	

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Common Stock	12/21/2016	F	1,704 (3)	D	\$ 62.59	82,108 (1)	D
Common Stock	12/23/2016	S	7,817 (4)	D	\$ 61.8866 (5)	74,291 (1)	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 (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 (Right to buy NSO)	\$ 29.75	12/21/2016		M	6,640	11/07/2010 11/07/2017	Common Stock	6,640
Stock Option (Right to Buy ISO)	\$ 29.75	12/21/2016		M	3,360	11/07/2010 11/07/2017	Common Stock	3,360
Stock Option (Right to Buy ISO)	\$ 30.96	12/21/2016		M	3,000	11/05/2011 11/05/2018	Common Stock	3,000
Stock Appreciation Rights (SARs)	\$ 30.96	12/21/2016		M	7,000	11/05/2011 11/05/2018	Common Stock	7,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
			VP Corporate Development	

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## Signatures

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

12/23/2016

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Includes 19,635 shares of restricted stock that have not vested.
- (2) Represents the difference between the number of SARs exercised (7,000) and the number of shares issuable as a result of the exercise (3,537).
- (3) Represents shares withheld to satisfy taxes; no shares were sold.
- (4) Includes shares sold to cover option costs and/or taxes on options due to expire in 2017 and 2018.
- (5) The range of the weighted average sales price is \$61.38 to \$62.33.

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