

Heissenbittel William Holmes
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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)
 08/23/2017

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)
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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	08/23/2017		M	6,918	A \$ 0	70,518 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	08/23/2017		F	3,166 ⁽²⁾	D \$ 87.42	67,352 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	08/23/2017		A	3,350 ⁽³⁾	A \$ 0	70,702 ⁽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 of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Performance Shares	\$ 0	08/23/2017		M	1,100	(5) 08/13/2017	Common Stock	1,100
Performance Shares	\$ 0	08/23/2017		M	2,200	(5) 08/27/2018	Common Stock	2,200
Performance Shares	\$ 0	08/23/2017		M	1,860	(5) 08/20/2020	Common Stock	1,860
Performance Shares	\$ 0	08/23/2017		M	1,758	(5) 08/16/2021	Common Stock	1,758
Stock Options (Right to Buy ISOs)	\$ 87.42	08/23/2017		A	1,143	(6) 08/23/2027	Common Stock	1,143
Stock Appreciation Right (SARs)	\$ 87.42	08/23/2017		A	8,057	(6) 08/23/2027	Common Stock	8,057

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Heissenbuttel William Holmes
1660 WYNKOOB
#1000
DENVER, CO 80202

VP Corporate Development

Signatures

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

08/25/2017

**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 15,360 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 18,710 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 vest annually over 3 years beginning on August 23, 2018.

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