

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)
 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (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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- (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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