

ROYAL GOLD INC  
Form 8-K  
December 18, 2009

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 18, 2009**

**ROYAL GOLD, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-13357**

(Commission File Number)

**84-0835164**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**1660 Wynkoop Street, Suite 1000, Denver, CO**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**80202-1132**

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **303-573-1660**

**N/A**

(Former name or former address, if changed from last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
-

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On December 18, 2009, Royal Gold, Inc. ( Royal Gold ) issued a press release announcing that Royal Gold and International Royalty Corporation ( IRC ) have entered into an agreement to undertake a Plan of Arrangement whereby Royal Gold, through its wholly-owned Canadian subsidiary, and with the unanimous support of IRC 's management and board of directors, will acquire all of the issued and outstanding common shares of IRC.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated December 18, 2009

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**Royal Gold, Inc.**  
(Registrant)

Date: December 18, 2009

By: /s/ Karen Gross  
*Karen Gross*  
*Vice President & Corporate Secretary*

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

**Exhibit No. Description**

99.1 Press Release dated December 18, 2009

4