

Heissenbittel William Holmes
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FORM 4

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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)
 08/21/2018

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)
 CFO and Vice President

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock | 08/21/2018 | | M | | 2,221 (1) A \$ 0 | 71,038 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/21/2018 | | F | | 977 D \$ 0 | 70,061 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/21/2018 | | M | | 240 (1) A \$ 0 | 70,301 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/21/2018 | | F | | 106 D \$ 0 | 70,195 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/21/2018 | | M | | 25 (1) A \$ 0 | 70,220 | D |

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|--------------|------------|---|---------------------|---|------|--------|---|
| Common Stock | 08/21/2018 | F | 11 | D | \$ 0 | 70,209 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/21/2018 | A | <u>3,220</u> (2) | A | \$ 0 | 73,429 | 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Performance Shares | \$ 0 | 08/21/2018 | | M | 2,221 | (1) 08/20/2018 | Common Stock | 2,221 |
| Performance Shares | \$ 0 | 08/21/2018 | | M | 240 | (1) 08/20/2020 | Common Stock | 240 |
| Performance Shares | \$ 0 | 08/21/2018 | | M | 25 | (1) 08/16/2021 | Common Stock | 25 |
| Stock Appreciation Right (SARs) | \$ 77.73 | 08/21/2018 | | A | 9,434 | (3) 08/21/2028 | Common Stock | 9,434 |
| Stock Option (Right to buy ISOs) | \$ 77.73 | 08/21/2018 | | A | 1,286 | (3) 08/21/2028 | Common Stock | 1,286 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Heissenbuttel William Holmes 1660 WYNKOOP #1000 DENVER, CO 80202 | | | CFO and Vice President | |

Signatures

Michelle Perry as Attorney-in-Fact for William Holmes
Heissenbuttel

08/23/2018

__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) A performance award represents a contingent right to receive shares of common stock upon achievement of certain performance goals.
 - (2) Grant of Restricted Stock with a two year hold and then vesting as to one-third in years three, four and five.
 - (3) One-third vests annually over three years beginning on August 21, 2019.

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