ROYAL GOLD INC

Form 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Heissenbuttel William Holmes (Last) (First) (Middle)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ROYAL GOLD INC [RGLD] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction					ng	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
1660 WYN	(Month/Day/Year) 11/07/2008						Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) V.P. Corporate Development					
				Amendment, Date Original (Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non	ı-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Year	n Date 2A. Deemed Year) Execution D any (Month/Day.		Code (Instr. 8		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Price		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Indirect Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) Instr. 4)			
Common Stock	11/07/2008			M		1,875	A	\$0	29,165 <u>(1)</u>	D		
Common stock	11/11/2008			S		120	D	\$ 30.21	29,045 (1)	D		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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28,445 (1)

28,436 (1)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number op f Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
			Code V	(Instr and 5		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Shares	\$ 0	11/07/2008	M		1,875	(2)	11/07/2011	Common stock	1,875

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Heissenbuttel William Holmes 1660 WYNKOOP #1000

V.P. Corporate Development

DENVER, CO 80202

Signatures

/s/William Heissenbuttel,

11/12/2008

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**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 2500 shares of restricted stock which have not yet vested.
- (2) Vesting of a performance award which represents a contingent right to receive shares of common stock upon achievement of certain performance goals.

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