

ROYAL GOLD INC
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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 *
DEMPSEY STANLEY

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1660 WYNKOOP ST, STE 1000

(Street)

DENVER, CO 80202-1132

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ROYAL GOLD INC [RGLD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/12/2008

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)
Executive Chairman

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 | 12/12/2008 | | M | | 4,980 A \$ 20.08 | 396,769 ⁽¹⁾ | D |
| Common stock | 12/12/2008 | | M | | 4,500 A \$ 22.22 | 401,269 ⁽¹⁾ | D |
| Common stock | 12/12/2008 | | M | | 3,450 A \$ 28.78 | 404,719 ⁽¹⁾ | D |
| Common stock | 12/12/2008 | | M | | 3,360 A \$ 29.75 | 408,079 ⁽¹⁾ | 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Option (ISO) | \$ 20.08 | 12/12/2008 | | M | 4,980 | 05/29/2004 05/29/2013 | Common stock | 4,980 |
| Stock Option (ISO) | \$ 22.22 | 12/12/2008 | | M | 4,500 | 11/08/2006 11/08/2015 | Common stock | 4,500 |
| Stock Option (ISO) | \$ 28.78 | 12/12/2008 | | M | 3,450 | 11/07/2007 11/07/2016 | Common stock | 3,450 |
| Stock Option (ISO) | \$ 29.75 | 12/12/2008 | | M | 3,360 | 11/07/2008 11/07/2017 | Common stock | 3,360 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| DEMPSEY STANLEY 1660 WYNKOOP ST STE 1000 DENVER, CO 80202-1132 | X | | Executive Chairman | |

Signatures

/s/Stanley Dempsey,
kg for
**Signature of Reporting Person
Date
12/16/2008

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 15,000 shares of restricted stock that has not yet vested.

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