

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)
 08/18/2011

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 of Corporate Development

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	08/18/2011		A		5,000 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 0
					59,987 <u>(2)</u>	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)

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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)	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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (ISO right to buy)	\$ 68.18	08/18/2011		A	1,466	(3) 08/18/2021	Common Stock	1,466
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 68.18	08/18/2011		A	3,534	(3) 08/18/2021	Common Stock	3,534
Performance Shares	\$ 0	08/18/2011		A	4,600	(4) 08/18/2016	Common Stock	4,600

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Heissenbuttel William Holmes 1660 WYNKOOB #1000 DENVER, CO 80202			VP of Corporate Development	

Signatures

/s/ William Holmes Heissenbuttel,
KG for 08/22/2011

**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) Grant of restricted stock with a three year hold and then vesting as to one-third in years 4, 5 and 6.
 - (2) Includes 41,833 shares of restricted stock that have not yet vested.
 - (3) One-third vest annually over three years beginning on August 18, 2012.
 - (4) A performance award represents a contingent right to receive shares of common stock upon achievement of certain performance goals.
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