

ROYAL GOLD INC  
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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 \*  
GOTH JOHN W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1660 WYNKOOP STREET, SUITE 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)

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	12/12/2008		M	5,000 A \$ 4.875	44,250 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common stock	12/12/2008		S	77 D \$ 38.38	44,173 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common stock	12/12/2008		S	200 D \$ 38.39	43,973 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common stock	12/12/2008		S	200 D \$ 38.42	43,773 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common stock	12/12/2008		S	500 D \$ 38.45	43,273 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	

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Common stock	12/12/2008	S	100	D	\$ 38.46	43,173 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common stock	12/12/2008	S	563	D	\$ 38.47	42,610 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common stock	12/12/2008	S	100	D	\$ 38.48	42,510 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common stock	12/12/2008	S	200	D	\$ 38.49	42,310 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common stock	12/12/2008	S	600	D	\$ 38.5	41,710 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common stock	12/12/2008	S	100	D	\$ 38.51	41,610 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common stock	12/12/2008	S	400	D	\$ 38.54	41,210 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common stock	12/12/2008	S	400	D	\$ 38.55	40,810 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common stock	12/12/2008	S	200	D	\$ 38.56	40,610 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common stock	12/12/2008	S	100	D	\$ 38.57	40,510 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common stock	12/12/2008	S	900	D	\$ 38.58	39,610 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common stock	12/12/2008	S	360	D	\$ 38.59	39,250 <sup>(2)</sup>	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. Derivative Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of

								Shares
Director								
Stock	\$ 4.875	12/12/2008		M	5,000	<u>(1)</u>	11/16/2009	Common
Option								stock
(NSO)								5,000
								\$

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GOTH JOHN W 1660 WYNKOOP STREET SUITE 1000 DENVER, CO 80202-1132	X			

## Signatures

/s/John W. Goth, kg for	12/15/2008
**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) 50% immediately upon grant; the remaining 50% on November 16, 2000, one year after grant.
- (2) Amount includes 1,250 shares of restricted stock that have not yet vested.

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