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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Royal Gold, Inc. 1660 Wynkoop Street Suite 1000 Denver CO 80202-1132	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 03/05/2007	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Battle Mountain Gold Exploration Corporation [BMGX]		5. If amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)		
				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More Than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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 Royal Gold, Inc.
 1660 Wynkoop Street
 Suite 1000
 Denver CO 80202-1132

Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Battle Mountain Gold Exploration Corporation [BMGX]

Period Of Report
 03/05/2007

**Table II -Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned
 (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (mm/dd/yy)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Securities (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Securities: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exer- cisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Stock Options (right to buy)	03/05/2007	03/04/2008	Common Stock	16,774,192	(1)	D	
Stock Options (right to buy)	03/05/2007	09/05/2007 (2)	Common Stock	16,582,940	(3)	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) - The exercise price is equal to 0.016925 shares of Royal Gold common stock, par value \$0.01 per share.
 (2) - The options may expire at an earlier date. See Remarks below.
 (3) - The minimum exercise price is equal to 0.016925 shares of Royal Gold common stock, par value \$0.01 per share. See Remarks below.

Remarks:

On 3/5/07, Royal Gold, Inc. entered into a Support and Option Agreement with Mark D. Kucher ("Kucher Support Agreement") in connection with the Acquisition Proposal. Pursuant to the Kucher Support Agreement, Kucher granted Royal Gold an irrevocable option to purchase his Common Stock at an exercise price per share of 0.016925 shares of Royal Gold common stock. Royal Gold's option to purchase Kucher's shares will terminate upon the twelve-month anniversary of the Support Agreement. The Kucher Support Agreement is described in and included as an exhibit to the Schedule 13D filed by Royal Gold with the SEC on 3/15/07.

On 3/5/07, Royal Gold, Inc. entered into a Support and Option Agreement with IAMGOLD Corporation ("IAMGOLD Support Agreement") in connection with Royal Gold entering into a letter agreement making a proposal to acquire 100% of the equity of Battle Mountain Gold Exploration Corp. ("Battle Mountain") accepted 2/28/07 ("Acquisition Proposal"). Pursuant to the IAMGOLD Support Agreement, IAMGOLD granted Royal Gold an irrevocable option to purchase its Common Stock at an option price per share equal to the greater of (i) 0.016925 shares of Royal Gold common stock, (ii) the per share consideration offered pursuant to a superior proposal to acquire Battle Mountain and (iii) the highest price paid by Royal Gold to any other shareholder of Battle Mountain at any time during the ninety days prior to the date that the shareholders of Battle Mountain approve the Acquisition Proposal. Royal Gold's option to purchase IAMGOLD's shares will terminate, unless previously exercised, upon the earlier of (i) 9/5/07, (ii) five business days after Royal Gold is notified of a superior proposal and (iii) the date on which the IAMGOLD Support Agreement with IAMGOLD terminates. The IAMGOLD Support Agreement is described in and included as an exhibit to the Schedule 13D filed by Royal Gold with the SEC on 3/15/07.

By: Royal Gold, Inc. By: Karen Gross, Vice
 President and Corporate Secretary
 **Signature of Reporting Person

3/15/2007
 Date

**Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, See Instruction 6 for procedure.