

# FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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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			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ROYAL GOLD INC RGLD			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Chairman & CEO		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/29/2005					
1660 WYNKOOP ST STE 1000			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)			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		
(Street) DENVER CO 80202-1132								
(City) (State) (Zip)			<b>Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>					

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common stock	12/29/2005		M		15,200	A	\$10.17	538,854	D	
Common stock	12/29/2005		M		31,100	A	\$17.38	569,954	D	
Common stock	12/29/2005		S		8,000	D	\$34.8	561,954	D	
Common stock	12/29/2005		S		12,000	D	\$35	549,954	D	
Common stock	12/29/2005		S		3,100	D	\$35.05	546,854	D	
Common stock	12/29/2005		S		3,100	D	\$35.06	543,754	D	
Common stock	12/29/2005		S		100	D	\$35.07	543,654	D	
Common stock	12/29/2005		S		3,910	D	\$35.1	539,744	D	

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 4(b)(v).

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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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Common stock (right to buy NSO)	\$10.17	12/29/2005		M			15,200	5/10/2003	5/10/2012	Common stock	15,200	\$10.17	0.0	D	
Common Stock (right to buy NSO)	\$17.38	12/29/2005		M			31,100	11/10/2005	11/10/2014	Common stock	31,100	\$17.38	0.0	D	
Common stock (right to buy ISO)	\$10.17	1/3/2006		M			9,800	5/10/2003	5/10/2012	Common stock	9,800	\$10.17	0.0	D	
Common stock (right to buy ISO)	\$12.55	1/3/2006		M			2,500	5/20/2005	5/20/2014	Common stock	2,500	\$12.55	0.0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

\*\* 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.

/s/Stanley Dempsey, kg for  
\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

1/3/2006  
Date

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