

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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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 - ROYAL GOLD INC			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Battle Mountain Gold Exploration Corp. [BMGX]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/28/2007			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)		
1660 WYNKOOP STREET, SUITE 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)								

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

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				
Convertible Bridge Loan	\$0.6	03/28/2007		J		23,190,920 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾		03/28/2007	03/28/2008 ⁽¹⁾	Common Stock	23,190,920 ⁽²⁾	<u>1</u>	57,068,052	D	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ROYAL GOLD INC 1660 WYNKOOP STREET, SUITE 1000 DENVER, CO 80202-1132		X		

Explanation of Responses:

- Royal Gold entered into a Bridge Finance Facility Agreement with Battle Mountain Gold Corporation ("Battle Mountain") and BMGX (Barbados) Corporation, as borrowers, whereby Royal Gold will make available to the borrowers a bridge finance facility of up to \$20 million. Outstanding principal, interest and expenses under the bridge facility may be converted at Royal Gold's option into Battle Mountain common stock, par value \$0.001, at a conversion price per share of \$0.60 any time during the term of the bridge facility. Currently Battle Mountain has borrowed \$13,914,552 under the facility. The bridge facility will mature on March 28, 2008.
- (1) Represents the number of shares into which the currently borrowed and outstanding amount under the facility may be converted.
- (2) Represents the number of shares into which the currently borrowed and outstanding amount under the facility may be converted.

Signatures

Royal Gold, Inc. By: Karen Gross, Vice President and Corporate Secretary

03/30/2007

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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