

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* Heissenbuttel William Holmes			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ROYAL GOLD INC RGLD			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ____ Director ____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below) V.P. Corporate Development		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 5/16/2007					
1660 WYNKOOP #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 ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(Street) DENVER CO 80202								
(City) (State) (Zip)			Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned					

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Trans- action 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. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Owner- ship (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common stock	5/16/ 2007		M		1,875	A	\$0.0	12,500 (1)	D	
Common stock	5/17/ 2007		S		745	D	\$26.45	11,755 (2)	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)
								Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						
				Code	V	(A)	(D)								
Performance shares	\$0.0	5/16/2007		M			1,875	(3)	11/7/2011	Common stock	1,875	\$0.0	5,625	D	

Explanation of Responses:

See attached "FOOTNOTES" page.

** 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/William Heissenbuttel, kg for
** Signature of Reporting Person

5/18/2007
Date

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- 1 The number of shares beneficially owned reflect 5,000 shares of restricted stock which have not yet vested, and 5,625 performance shares which have not yet vested.
- 2 The number of shares beneficially owned reflect 5,000 shares of restricted stock which have not yet vested, and 5,625 performance shares which have not yet vested.
- 3 Vesting of a performance award which represents a contingent right to receive shares of common stock upon achievement of certain performance goals.