

Battle Mountain Gold Exploration Corp.

Form 425

August 09, 2007

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of  
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) August 9, 2007

**ROYAL GOLD, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-13357

84-0835164

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

1660 Wynkoop Street, Suite 1000, Denver, CO

80202-1132

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code 303-573-1660

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Event**

On August 9, 2007, Royal Gold, Inc. announced the filing of an S-4 Registration Statement regarding the merger with Battle Mountain Gold Exploration. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated August 9, 2007

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Royal Gold, Inc.  
(Registrant)

By: */s/ Karen Gross*  
Name: Karen Gross  
Title: Vice President & Corporate  
Secretary

Dated: August 9, 2007

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<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
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99.1	Press Release dated August 9, 2007
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