

ROYAL GOLD INC  
Form 8-K  
December 15, 2004

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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) December 13, 2004

ROYAL GOLD, INC.

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| (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)                 |                             |                                      |
| Delaware   | 0-5664                      | 84-0835164                           |
| (State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation)                      | (Commission<br>File Number) | (IRS Employer<br>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 <u>303-573-1660</u> |                             |                                      |
| (Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)         |                             |                                      |

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

Pierre Gousseland of Greenwich, Connecticut, a member of the board of directors of Royal Gold, Inc., passed away on Monday, December 13, 2004, following an illness. Mr. Gousseland served on Royal Gold's board since 1992 and was a member of the Compensation, Nominating and Governance Committee.

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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: December 14, 2004

