

RICHINGS MICHAEL B
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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 *
RICHINGS MICHAEL B

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O VISTA GOLD CORP., 7961
SHAFFER PARKWAY, SUITE 5

(Street)

LITTLETON, CO 80127

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
VISTA GOLD CORP [VGZ]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/15/2010

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Exec. Chairman and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 12/15/2010 | | C | V Amount (D) \$ 0 (1) | 127,397 | D | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of S |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-----------------------|
| | | | | Code V (A) (D) | | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title | |
| Special Warrants | \$ 0 | 12/15/2010 | | C | 25,000 | (1) (1) | Special Warrants | 25, |
| Common Stock Warrants | (1) | 12/15/2010 | | C | 25,000 | 12/15/2010 10/21/2015 | Common Stock Warrants | 25, |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| RICHINGS MICHAEL B C/O VISTA GOLD CORP. 7961 SHAFFER PARKWAY, SUITE 5 LITTLETON, CO 80127 | X | | Exec. Chairman and CEO | |

Signatures

/s/ Gregory G. Marlier, as attorney-in-fact for Michael B. Richings
 01/14/2011
 **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Conversion of special warrants; one special warrant = one common share plus one common share purchase warrant. The special warrants automatically converted into common stock and warrants on December 15, 2010. The warrants are exercisable at \$3.50 for the first year, \$4.00 for the second year, \$4.50 for the third year and \$5.00 thereafter until expiration date on October 21, 2015, subject to acceleration by the Issuer upon certain conditions.

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