

WESTERN GOLDFIELDS INC
Form SC 13G
March 31, 2005

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

(Rule 13d-102)

**INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO
RULES 13d-1(b) (c) AND (d) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO
RULE 13d-2(b)**

Western Goldfields, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value

(Title of Class of Securities)

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(CUSIP Number)

December 1, 2004

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, *see the Notes*).

1. NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Newmont Mining Corporation

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a)

(b)

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 5,949,278 Shares

SHARES **6. SHARED VOTING POWER**

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY 0

EACH **7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER**

REPORTING

PERSON 5,949,278 Shares

WITH: **8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER**

0

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

5,949,278 Shares

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES* ..

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

14.4%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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***SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!**

Item 1 (a). Name of Issuer:

Western Goldfields, Inc.

Item 1 (b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

961 Matley Lane, Suite 120, Reno, Nevada 89502

Item 2 (a). Name of Person Filing:

Newmont Mining Corporation

Item 2 (b). Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence:

1700 Lincoln Street, 37th Floor, Denver, CO 80203

Item 2 (c). Citizenship:

Delaware

Item 2 (d). Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value

Item 2 (e). CUSIP Number:

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Item 3. If This Statement is Filed Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), Check Whether the Person Filing is a:

- (a) Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Exchange Act.
- (b) Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Exchange Act.
- (c) Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Exchange Act.
- (d) Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act.
- (e) An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f) An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g) A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h) A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act;
- (i) A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act;
- (j) Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c), check this box.

Item 4. Ownership.

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 5,949,278 Shares
- (b) Percent of class: 14.4%
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 5,949,278 Shares,
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 0
 - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 5,949,278 Shares,
 - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0.

Instruction. For computations regarding securities which represent a right to acquire an underlying security *see* Rule 13d-3(d)(1).

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following " ".

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Not Applicable.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company.

Not Applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not Applicable.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not Applicable.

Item 10. Certifications.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

NEWMONT MINING CORPORATION

March 31, 2005

(Date)

/s/ Ardis Young

(Signature)

Assistant Secretary

(Name/Title)

Attention. Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute federal criminal violations (see 18 U.S.C. 1001).