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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ROYAL GOLD INC [RGLD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1660 WYNKOOP STREET, SUITE 1000  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/23/2017

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP Operations

DENVER, CO 80202  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	08/23/2017		M		3,256 A \$ 0	16,047 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	08/23/2017		A		3,150 <sup>(2)</sup> A \$ 0	19,197 <sup>(3)</sup>	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)

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Shares	\$ 0	08/23/2017		M	1,718	<u>(4)</u> 08/20/2020	Common Stock	1,718
Performance Shares	\$ 0	08/23/2017		M	1,538	<u>(4)</u> 08/16/2021	Common Stock	1,538
Stock Option (Right to Buy ISOs)	\$ 87.42	08/23/2017		A	1,143	<u>(5)</u> 08/23/2027	Common Stock	1,143
Stock Appreciation Rights (SSARs)	\$ 87.42	08/23/2017		A	7,497	<u>(5)</u> 08/23/2027	Common Stock	7,497

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Isto Mark 1660 WYNKOOP STREET SUITE 1000 DENVER, CO 80202			VP Operations	

## Signatures

Margaret A Beck as Attorney-in-Fact for Mark Isto 08/25/2017

\*\*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) Includes 9,102 shares of restricted stock that have not vested.
- (2) Grant of restricted stock units with a 2-year hold and then vesting as to one-third in years 3, 4 and 5.
- (3) Includes 12,252 shares of restricted stock or restricted stock units that have not vested.

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- (4) A performance award represents a contingent right to receive shares of common stock upon achievement of certain performance goals.
- (5) One-third vest annually over 3 years beginning on August 23, 2018.

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