

Kirchhoff Bruce Christopher
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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 *
 Kirchhoff Bruce Christopher

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, #1000
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 08/16/2017

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP, GC and Secretary

DENVER, CO 80202

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

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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	08/16/2017		F		663 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$ 87.36
Common Stock	08/18/2017		M		7,000	A	\$ 53
Common Stock	08/18/2017		M		6,000	A	\$ 49.66
Common Stock	08/18/2017		M		13,500	A	\$ 62.14
Common Stock	08/18/2017		M		4,824	A	\$ 56.54
							58,054 ⁽²⁾
							65,054 ⁽²⁾
							71,054 ⁽²⁾
							84,554 ⁽²⁾
							89,368 ⁽²⁾

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Common Stock	08/18/2017	D	16,625 (3)	D	\$ 87.01	72,753 (2)	D
Common Stock	08/18/2017	S	28,805	D	\$ 86.2832 (4)	43,948 (5)	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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to buy ISO)	\$ 53	08/18/2017		M	1,886	11/18/2010 11/18/2019	Common Stock	1,886	
Stock Option (Right to buy ISO)	\$ 49.66	08/18/2017		M	2,000	11/17/2011 11/17/2020	Common Stock	2,000	
Stock Option (Right to buy ISO)	\$ 62.14	08/18/2017		M	1,609	08/27/2014 08/27/2023	Common Stock	1,609	
Stock Option (Right to buy ISO)	\$ 56.54	08/18/2017		M	589	08/20/2016 08/20/2025	Common Stock	589	
Stock Appreciation Right (SARs)	\$ 53	08/18/2017		M	5,114	11/18/2010 11/18/2019	Common Stock	5,114	
Stock Appreciation Right (SARs)	\$ 49.66	08/18/2017		M	4,000	11/17/2011 11/17/2020	Common Stock	4,000	
Stock Appreciation Right (SARs)	\$ 62.14	08/18/2017		M	11,891	08/27/2014 08/27/2023	Common Stock	11,891	

Stock
Appreciation \$ 56.54 08/18/2017 M 4,235 08/20/2016 08/20/2025 Common 4,2
Right (SARs) Stock

Reporting Owners

Table with columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships (Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other). Row 1: Kirchhoff Bruce Christopher, 1660 WYNKOOP, #1000, DENVER, CO 80202, VP, GC and Secretary.

Signatures

Margaret A Beck as Attorney-in-Fact for Bruce C. Kirchhoff 08/18/2017
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) Represents shares withheld to satisfy taxes; no shares were sold.
(2) Includes 15,594 shares of restricted stock that have not yet vested.
(3) Represents the difference between the number of SARs exercised (25,240) and the number of shares issuable as a result of the exercise (8,615).
(4) The range of the weighted average sales price is \$86.10 and \$86.57.
(5) Includes 13,927 shares of restricted stock that have not yet vested.

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