

BATES WARREN R G

Form 4

May 09, 2005

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BATES WARREN R G

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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)
05/09/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

Chief Geologist

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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

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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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.19	05/09/2005 ⁽¹⁾	A	20,000					05/09/2005 ⁽²⁾	11/08/2009	Common Shares	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BATES WARREN R G VISTA GOLD CORP. 7961 SHAFFER PARKWAY, SUITE 5 LITTLETON, CO 80127			Chief Geologist	

Signatures

/s/ Warren R.G.
Bates

05/09/2005

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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(1) The option grant was approved by the Issuer's Board of Directors on November 9, 2004, subject to shareholder approval of the amendment of the stock option plan (the "Plan") under which the option was granted to increase the maximum number of Common Shares for which options may be granted under the Plan by 1,000,000 Common Shares, to 1,750,000 Common Shares. The Issuer's shareholders approved the amendment to the Plan on May 9, 2005.

(2) The option vested on the grant date as to 50% of the underlying shares. The remaining 50% will vest on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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