

ROYAL GOLD INC  
Form 8-K  
January 05, 2006

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of  
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) December 29, 2005

ROYAL GOLD, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-13357

84-0835164

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

1660 Wynkoop Street, Suite 1000, Denver, CO

80202-1132

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including  
area code 303-573-1660

(Former name or former address, if changed since last  
report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On December 29, 2005, Merritt Marcus, a director of Royal Gold, Inc. established a Prearranged Trading Plan (the Plan ), with a brokerage firm, to sell shares of Royal Gold, Inc. s common stock pursuant to the requirements of Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Under the Plan, 2,000 shares of Royal Gold common stock will be sold every month, on the fifth day of every month, until the earlier to occur of the date in which 24,000 shares have been sold pursuant to the Plan or December 29, 2006, or as otherwise specified.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Prearranged Trading Plan for Merritt Marcus.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Royal Gold, Inc.  
(Registrant)

By: */s/ Karen Gross*

Name: Karen Gross  
Title: Vice President & Corporate Secretary

Dated: January 5, 2006

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**Exhibit Index**

| <b>Exhibit No.</b> | <b>Description</b>                          |
|--------------------|---|
| Exhibit 99.1       | Prearrange Trading Plan for Merritt Marcus. |