

ROYAL GOLD INC
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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 *
MARCUS MERRITT E

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/20/2008

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

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

DENVER, CO 80202-1132

Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/20/2008 | | M | 5,000 A \$ 5.43 | 206,838 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/20/2008 | | M | 5,000 A \$ 2.813 | 211,838 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/20/2008 | | M | 5,000 A \$ 4.875 | 216,838 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/20/2008 | | M | 5,000 A \$ 4.595 | 221,838 ⁽¹⁾ | 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|-----|---|-------------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Title | |
| Director Stock Option (ISO - right to buy) | \$ 5.43 | 02/20/2008 | | M | | 5,000 | | Common Stock | 5,000 |
| Director Stock Option (ISO - right to buy) | \$ 2.813 | 02/20/2008 | | M | | 5,000 | | Common Stock | 5,000 |
| Director Stock Option (ISO - right to buy) | \$ 4.875 | 02/20/2008 | | M | | 5,000 | | Common stock | 5,000 |
| Director Stock Option (ISO - right to buy) | \$ 4.595 | 02/20/2008 | | M | | 5,000 | | Common Stock | 5,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MARCUS MERRITT E 1660 WYNKOOP STREET SUITE 1000 DENVER, CO 80202-1132 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/Merritt Marcus,
kg for 02/21/2008

__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 1,250 shares of restricted stock that have not yet vested.

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