ROYAL GOLD INC

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **GOTH JOHN W** Issuer Symbol ROYAL GOLD INC [RGLD] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 1660 WYNKOOP STREET, SUITE 12/12/2008 below) 1000 4. If Amendment, Date Original (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

DENVER, CO 80202-1132

(State)

(City)

(Zip)

	(City)	(State)	Table Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	y Owned
S	Title of decurity Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	n(A) or Di	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
	Common tock	12/12/2008		M	5,000	A	\$ 4.875	44,250 (2)	D	
	Common tock	12/12/2008		S	77	D	\$ 38.38	44,173 (2)	D	
	Common tock	12/12/2008		S	200	D	\$ 38.39	43,973 (2)	D	
	Common tock	12/12/2008		S	200	D	\$ 38.42	43,773 (2)	D	
	Common tock	12/12/2008		S	500	D	\$ 38.45	43,273 (2)	D	

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Common stock	12/12/2008	S	100	D	\$ 43,173 (2) D
Common stock	12/12/2008	S	563	D	\$ 42,610 (2) D
Common stock	12/12/2008	S	100	D	\$ 42,510 (2) D
Common stock	12/12/2008	S	200	D	\$ 42,310 (2) D
Common stock	12/12/2008	S	600	D	\$ 38.5 41,710 (2) D
Common stock	12/12/2008	S	100	D	\$ 41,610 (2) D
Common stock	12/12/2008	S	400	D	\$ 41,210 (2) D
Common stock	12/12/2008	S	400	D	\$ 40,810 (2) D
Common stock	12/12/2008	S	200	D	\$ 40,610 (2) D
Common stock	12/12/2008	S	100	D	\$ 40,510 (2) D
Common stock	12/12/2008	S	900	D	\$ 39,610 (2) D
Common stock	12/12/2008	S	360	D	\$ 39,250 (2) 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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4. 5. Number		nber	6. Date Exercisable and		7. Title and Amount of		
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction Derivative		ivative	Expiration Date		Underlying Securities		
Security	or Exercise		any	Code Securities		(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)			
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Acquired							
	Derivative			(A) or							
	Security				Disposed of						
	•				(D)						
					(Instr. 3, 4,						
						and 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date	Expiration	Title	Amount
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Shares

Director

 Stock Option
 \$ 4.875
 12/12/2008
 M
 5,000
 (1)
 11/16/2009
 Common stock
 5,000

(NSO)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
GOTH JOHN W 1660 WYNKOOP STREET SUITE 1000 DENVER, CO 80202-1132	X							

Signatures

/s/John W. Goth, kg for 12/15/2008

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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) 50% immediately upon grant; the remaining 50% on November 16, 2000, one year after grant.
- (2) Amount includes 1,250 shares of restricted stock that have not yet vested.

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