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(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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SIC Code	6795 - Mineral Royalty Traders
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
GROSS KAREN (Last) (First) (Middle)	**ROYAL GOLD INC [RGLD]**	_____ Director _____ 10% Owner
1660 WYNKOOP STREET, SUITE 1000 (Street)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) **12/24/2009**	__ **X** __ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) **VP and Secretary**
DENVER, CO 80202-1132 (City) (State) (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	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. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	**12/23/2009**		**M**		**1250**	**A**	**$0**	**104268** (1)	**D**	
Common Stock	**12/24/2009**		**S**		**1250**	**D**	**$48.89**	**103018** (1)	**D**	
Common Stock	**12/24/2009**		**S**		**2500**	**D**	**$48.89**	**100518** (2)	**D**	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (*e.g.* , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Performance Shares	**$0**	**12/23/2009**		**M**			**1250**	**12/23/2009**	**11/7/2012**	**Common Stock**	**1250**	**$0**	**3750**	**D**	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Includes 36,500 shares of restricted stock that have not yet vested.

(2) Includes 34,000 shares of restricted stock that have not yet vested.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GROSS KAREN **1660 WYNKOOP STREET** **SUITE 1000**			**VP and Secretary**	

DENVER, CO 80202-1132				

Signatures

Karen Gross **12/28/2009**

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

***** If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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