

ROYAL GOLD INC

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(Statement of Ownership)

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Schedule 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (New)

ROYAL GOLD INC

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

780287108 (CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2008 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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CUSIP No.	780287108		
I.R.S.	eporting Persons. Identification Nos. of above S GLOBAL INVESTORS, NA., 94	-	(entities only).
(2) Check the ap (a) / / (b) /X/	ppropriate box if a member o		
(3) SEC Use Only			
(4) Citizenship U.S.A.	or Place of Organization		
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With		(5)	Sole Voting Power 825662
		(6)	Shared Voting Power
		(7)	Sole Dispositive Power 950,337
		(8)	Shared Dispositive Power
(9) Aggregate At 950,337	mount Beneficially Owned by	Each Rep	orting Person
(10) Check Box	if the Aggregate Amount in Ro	ow (9) E:	xcludes Certain Shares*

(11) Percent of Class Represented by 2.80%	Amount in Row (9)
(12) Type of Reporting Person*	
CUSIP No. 780287108	
(1) Names of Reporting Persons.	
I.R.S. Identification Nos. o	of above persons (entities only).
BARCLAYS GLOBAL FUND ADVISOR	.ss
<pre>(2) Check the appropriate box if a m (a) / / (b) /X/</pre>	nember of a Group*
(3) SEC Use Only	
(4) Citizenship or Place of Organiza U.S.A.	tion
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned	(5) Sole Voting Power 757025
by Each Reporting Person With	(6) Shared Voting Power
	(7) Sole Dispositive Power 757,025
	(8) Shared Dispositive Power
(9) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Ow 757,025	med by Each Reporting Person
(10) Check Box if the Aggregate Amou	nt in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares*
(11) Percent of Class Represented by 2.23%	Amount in Row (9)
(12) Type of Reporting Person* IA	
CUSIP No. 780287108	
(1) Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. o	of above persons (entities only).
BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTORS, L	.TD
(2) Check the appropriate box if a m (a) $\ /\ /$ (b) $\ /X/$	nember of a Group*
(3) SEC Use Only	
(4) Citizenship or Place of Organiza England	tion
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned	(5) Sole Voting Power
by Each Reporting Person With	(6) Shared Voting Power

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	(7) Sole Dispositive Power
	(8) Shared Dispositive Power
(9) Aggregate -	
(10) Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row	(9) Excludes Certain Shares*
(11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in 0.00%	n Row (9)
(12) Type of Reporting Person* FI	
CUSIP No. 780287108	
(1) Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons. BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTORS JAPAN LIMIT	_
(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a (a) // (b) /X/	a Group*
(3) SEC Use Only	
(4) Citizenship or Place of Organization Japan	
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With	(5) Sole Voting Power (6) Shared Voting Power
	(7) Sole Dispositive Power
	(8) Shared Dispositive Power
(9) Aggregate	
(10) Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row	(9) Excludes Certain Shares*
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(12) Type of Reporting Person*	
CUSIP No. 780287108	
(1) Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above pe	ersons (entities only).
BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTORS CANADA LIMI	TED
(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a (a) // (b) /X/	a Group*

(3) SEC Use Only	
(4) Citizenship or Place of Organization Canada	
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned	(5) Sole Voting Power 178572
by Each Reporting Person With	(6) Shared Voting Power
	(7) Sole Dispositive Power 178,572
	(8) Shared Dispositive Power
(9) Aggregate 178,572	
(10) Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Ro	ow (9) Excludes Certain Shares*
(11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount 0.53%	in Row (9)
(12) Type of Reporting Person* FI	
CUSIP No. 780287108	
(1) Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTORS AUSTRALIA	
(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of (a) // (b) /X/	a Group*
(3) SEC Use Only	
(4) Citizenship or Place of Organization Australia	
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned	(5) Sole Voting Power
by Each Reporting Person With	(6) Shared Voting Power
	(7) Sole Dispositive Power
	(8) Shared Dispositive Power
(9) Aggregate	
(10) Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Ro	ow (9) Excludes Certain Shares*
(11) Percent of Class Represented by Amount 0.00%	in Row (9)
(12) Type of Reporting Person*	

(3) SEC Use Only

(1) Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).				
BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTORS (DEUTSCHLAND) AG				
(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a Group* (a) // (b) /X/				
(3) SEC Use Only				
(4) Citizenship or Place of Organization Germany				
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned	(5) Sole Voting Power			
by Each Reporting Person With	(6) Shared Voting Power			
	(7) Sole Dispositive Power			
	(8) Shared Dispositive Power			
(9) Aggregate				
(10) Check Box if the Ago	gregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares*			
(11) Percent of Class Rep 0.00%	presented by Amount in Row (9)			
(12) Type of Reporting Pe	erson*			
ITEM 1(A). NAME OF 1				
	OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES			
	PERSON(S) FILING			
	BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTORS, NA			
4	B). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE 400 Howard Street San Francisco, CA 94105			
ITEM 2(C). CITIZENSE	J.S.A			
ITEM 2(D). TITLE OF	Common Stock			
ITEM 2(E). CUSIP NUM	IBER 780287108			
OR $13D-2(B)$, CHECK WHETHE	TATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13D-1(B), RTHE PERSON FILING IS A registered under Section 15 of the Act			
(b) /X/ Bank as defined in section 3(a) (6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c). (c) // Insurance Company as defined in section 3(a) (19) of the Act				
Company Act of 19	ny registered under section 8 of the Investment 040 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).			
	er in accordance with section 240.13d(b)(1)(ii)(E). Plan or endowment fund in accordance with section i)(F).			
(g) // Parent Holding Co	y) // Parent Holding Company or control person in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G).			
(h) // A savings association Insurance Act (12	ation as defined in section $3(b)$ of the Federal Deposit 2 U.S.C. 1813).			
(1) // A church plan tha	at is excluded from the definition of an investment			

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(15U.S.C. 80a-3).
(j) // Non-U.S. institution, in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J)
(k) //
       Group, in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K)
            NAME OF ISSUER
ITEM 1(A).
      ROYAL GOLD INC
             ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES
ITEM 1(B).
             1660 WYNKOOP STREET Suite 1000
ITEM 2(A). NAME OF PERSON(S) FILING
             BARCLAYS GLOBAL FUND ADVISORS
ITEM 2(B). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE
                     400 Howard Street
                            San Francisco, CA 94105
_____
ITEM 2(C). CITIZENSHIP
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ITEM 2(D). TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES
                    Common Stock
ITEM 2(E). CUSIP NUMBER
                     780287108
ITEM 3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13D-1(B),
OR 13D-2(B), CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A
(a) // Broker or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act
       (15 U.S.C. 78o).
(b) // Bank as defined in section 3(a) (6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
(c) // Insurance Company as defined in section 3(a) (19) of the Act
       (15 U.S.C. 78c).
(d) // Investment Company registered under section 8 of the Investment
       Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8).
(e) /X/ Investment Adviser in accordance with section 240.13d(b)(1)(ii)(E).
(f) // Employee Benefit Plan or endowment fund in accordance with section
       240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F).
      Parent Holding Company or control person in accordance with section
       240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G).
(h) // A savings association as defined in section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit
       Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813).
      A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment
       company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940
       (15U.S.C. 80a-3).
(j) // Non-U.S. institution, in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J)
        Group, in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K)
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ITEM 1(A).
             ROYAL GOLD INC
ITEM 1(B). ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES
             1660 WYNKOOP STREET Suite 1000
ITEM 2(A).
            NAME OF PERSON(S) FILING
                    BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTORS, LTD
ITEM 2(B). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE
                     Murray House
                            1 Royal Mint Court
                             LONDON, EC3N 4HH
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ITEM 2(C). CITIZENSHIP
                     England
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ITEM 2(D). TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES
                    Common Stock
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       (15 U.S.C. 78o).
(b) // Bank as defined in section 3(a) (6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
(c) // Insurance Company as defined in section 3(a) (19) of the Act
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              ROYAL GOLD INC
ITEM 1(B).
              ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES
             1660 WYNKOOP STREET Suite 1000
            NAME OF PERSON(S) FILING
ITEM 2(A).
               BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTORS JAPAN LIMITED
______
ITEM 2(B). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE
                      Ebisu Prime Square Tower 8th Floor
                             1-1-39 Hiroo Shibuya-Ku
                             Tokyo 150-8402 Japan
ITEM 2(C).
             CITIZENSHIP
ITEM 2(D). TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES
                    Common Stock
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ITEM 2(E). CUSIP NUMBER
                      780287108
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           IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13D-1(B),
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ITEM 1(B). ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES
              1660 WYNKOOP STREET Suite 1000
ITEM 2(A).
             NAME OF PERSON(S) FILING
              BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTORS CANADA LIMITED
ITEM 2(B). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE
                     Brookfield Place 161 Bay Street
      Suite 2500, PO Box 614
                              Toronto, Canada
                      Ontario M5J 2S1
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ITEM 2(C). CITIZENSHIP

TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES ITEM 2(D). Common Stock ITEM 2(E). CUSIP NUMBER 780287108 _____ ITEM 3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13D-1(B), OR 13D-2(B), CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A (a) // Broker or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 780). (b) // Bank as defined in section 3(a) (6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c). (c) // Insurance Company as defined in section 3(a) (19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c). (d) // Investment Company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8). Investment Adviser in accordance with section 240.13d(b)(1)(ii)(E). (f) // Employee Benefit Plan or endowment fund in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F). (q) // Parent Holding Company or control person in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G). (h) // A savings association as defined in section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813). A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15U.S.C. 80a-3). (j) /X/ Non-U.S. institution, in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J) Group, in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K) ITEM 1(A). NAME OF ISSUER ROYAL GOLD INC ITEM 1(B). ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES 1660 WYNKOOP STREET Suite 1000 ITEM 2(A). NAME OF PERSON(S) FILING BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTORS AUSTRALIA LIMITED _____ ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE ITEM 2(B). Level 43, Grosvenor Place, 225 George Street PO Box N43 Sydney, Australia NSW 1220 CITIZENSHIP ITEM 2(C). Australia ITEM 2(D). TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES Common Stock ______ ITEM 2(E). CUSIP NUMBER 780287108 _____ IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13D-1(B). ITEM 3. OR 13D-2(B), CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A (a) // Broker or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o). (b) // Bank as defined in section 3(a) (6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c). (c) // Insurance Company as defined in section 3(a) (19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c). (d) // Investment Company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8). (e) // Investment Adviser in accordance with section 240.13d(b)(1)(ii)(E). (f) // Employee Benefit Plan or endowment fund in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F). (g) // Parent Holding Company or control person in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G). (h) // A savings association as defined in section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813). (i) // A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15U.S.C. 80a-3). (j) /X/ Non-U.S. institution, in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J) Group, in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K)

ROYAL GOLD INC

ITEM 1(B). ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES
1660 WYNKOOP STREET Suite 1000

NAME OF ISSUER

ITEM 1(A).

NAME OF PERSON(S) FILING BARCLAYS GLOBAL INVESTORS (DEUTSCHLAND) AG ______ ITEM 2(B). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE Apianstrasse 6 D-85774 Unterfohring, Germany ______ ITEM 2(C). CITIZENSHIP Germany _____ ITEM 2(D). TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES Common Stock ITEM 2(E). CUSIP NUMBER 780287108 ______ ITEM 3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13D-1(B), OR 13D-2(B), CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A (a) // Broker or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o). (b) // Bank as defined in section 3(a) (6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c). (c) // Insurance Company as defined in section 3(a) (19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c). (d) // Investment Company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8). Investment Adviser in accordance with section 240.13d(b)(1)(ii)(E). (f) // Employee Benefit Plan or endowment fund in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F). Parent Holding Company or control person in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G). (h) // A savings association as defined in section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813). (i) // A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940(15U.S.C. 80a-3). (j) /X/ Non-U.S. institution, in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J) Group, in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K) ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1. (a) Amount Beneficially Owned: 1885934 ______ (b) Percent of Class: (c) Number of shares as to which such person has: (i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote 1761259 (ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 1885934 (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following. // ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON

Items 2(a) above.

ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY

WHICH ACCURAGE THE SECURITY PRINCIPLES ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY

The shares reported are held by the company in trust accounts for the economic benefit of the beneficiaries of those accounts. See also

ITEM 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP $\hbox{Not applicable}$

ITEM 10. CERTIFICATION

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

By signing below, I further certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the foreign regulatory scheme applicable to each of: Barclays Global Investors Australia Limited, Barclays Global Investors Canada Limited, Barclays Global Investors (Deutschland) AG, Barclays Global Investors Japan Limited and Barclays Global Investors Limited, is substantially comparable to the regulatory scheme applicable to the functionally equivalent U.S. institutions. I also undertake to furnish to the Commission staff, upon request, information that would otherwise be disclosed in a Schedule 13D by such entities.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

February 6, 2009
Date
 Signature
 John McGahan Principal
 Name/Title