ROYAL GOLD INC Form 8-K November 20, 2009

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): November 18, 2009

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) (I.R.S. 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

N/A

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

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Section 1—Registrant's Business and Operations

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On November 18, 2009, Royal Gold, Inc. issued a press release announcing an increase in the Company's annual dividend from \$0.32 to \$0.36, payable on a quarterly basis. The first quarter calendar 2010 dividend of \$0.09 per share is payable on January 15, 2010, to shareholders of record at the close of business on January 4, 2010.

Item 9.01.

Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits
- 99.1 Press Release dated November 18, 2009

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SIGNATURE

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)

Date: November 20, 2009 By: /s/ Karen Gross

Karen Gross

Vice President & Corporate Secretary

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated November 18, 2009

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