

ROYAL GOLD INC

Form 4

January 03, 2006

**FORM 4**
**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BAKER DONALD J**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1660 WYNKOOP STREET, SUITE  
1000

(Street)

DENVER, CO 80202-1132

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
**ROYAL GOLD INC [RGLD]**

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

12/29/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

V.P. Corporate Development

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. 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D) Price			
Common stock	12/29/2005		M		20,020	A \$ 20.08	47,360	D	
Common stock	12/29/2005		M		2,633	A \$ 17.38	49,993	D	
Common stock	12/29/2005		S		6,253	D \$ 34.95	43,740	D	
Common stock	12/29/2005		S		3,100	D \$ 35.05	40,640	D	
Common stock	12/29/2005		S		900	D \$ 35.06	39,740	D	

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Common stock	12/29/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 35.07	38,740	D
Common stock	12/29/2005	S	5,000	D	\$ 35.07	33,740	D
Common stock	12/29/2005	S	6,400	D	\$ 35.3	27,340	D
Common stock	12/29/2005	M	1,500	A	\$ 12.55	28,840	D
Common stock	12/29/2005	M	1,533	A	\$ 17.38	30,373	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee stock option (right to buy NSO)	\$ 20.08	12/29/2005		M	20,020	05/29/2004 05/29/2013	Common stock 20,020
Employee stock option (right to buy NSO)	\$ 17.38	12/29/2005		M	2,633	11/10/2005 <sup>(1)</sup> 11/10/2014	Common stock 2,633
Employee stock option (right to buy ISO)	\$ 12.55	12/29/2005		M	1,500	05/20/2005 05/20/2014	Common stock 1,500
	\$ 17.38	12/29/2005		M	1,533	11/10/2005 <sup>(1)</sup> 11/10/2014	1,533

Employee  
stock  
option  
(right to  
buy ISO)

Common  
stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BAKER DONALD J 1660 WYNKOOP STREET SUITE 1000 DENVER, CO 80202-1132			V.P. Corporate Development	

## Signatures

/s/Donald Baker,  
kg for 01/03/2006

\_\_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) One-third of grant vesting annually over three years

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