

Battle Mountain Gold Exploration Corp.

Form 4

May 23, 2007

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 *
ROYAL GOLD INC

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
**Battle Mountain Gold Exploration
Corp. [BMGX]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
**1660 WYNKOOP STREET, SUITE
1000**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/09/2007

____ Director ____X____ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

(Street)
DENVER, CO 80202-1132

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 (D) Price			

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amo Underlying Secur
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)			
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am Nu Sha
Convertible Bridge Loan	\$ 0.6	05/09/2007	J		1,000,000 (1) (2)		05/09/2007	03/28/2008	Common Stock	1,

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ROYAL GOLD INC 1660 WYNKOOP STREET, SUITE 1000 DENVER, CO 80202-1132			X	

Signatures

Royal Gold, Inc. By: Karen Gross, Vice President and Corporate Secretary 05/23/2007

__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).

- On March 28, 2007, Royal Gold entered into a Bridge Finance Facility Agreement with Battle Mountain Gold Corporation ("Battle Mountain") and BMGX (Barbados) Corporation, as borrowers, whereby Royal Gold will make available to the borrowers a bridge facility of up to \$20 million. On April 14, 2007, pursuant to the terms of the bridge facility, the maximum availability of the bridge facility was
- (1) reduced to \$15 million. Outstanding principal, interest and expenses under the bridge facility may be converted at Royal Gold's option into Battle Mountain common stock, par value \$0.001, at a conversion price per share of \$0.60 any time during the term of the bridge facility. On May 9, 2007, Royal Gold advanced an additional \$600,000 pursuant to the facility. Currently, Battle Mountain has borrowed \$14,514,552 under the facility. The bridge facility will mature on March 28, 2008.
 - (2) Represents the number of shares of common stock into which the \$600,000 advance under the facility may be converted.

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