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FORM 10-Q

Quarterly report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the quarterly period ended December 31, 2001

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(Name, State of Incorporation, Address and Telephone Number)



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Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes X No ____

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practical date.

Class of Common Stock

Outstanding at February 1, 2002

\$0.01 Par Value

17,920,534 Shares

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Cautionary "Safe Harbor" Statement Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. With the exception of historical matters, the matters discussed in this report are forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from projections or estimates contained herein. Such forward-looking statements include statements regarding projected production levels, reserves, mineralization, settlement of the Casmalia matter, and that the Company envisions that further growth will more likely occur as a result of acquisitions, rather than from exploration. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the projections incorporated herein include, among others, changes in precious metals prices, decisions and activities of the operators of our royalty properties, unanticipated grade, geological, metallurgical, processing or other problems, changes in project parameters as plans continue to be refined, economic and market conditions, future financial needs, the availability of acquisitions, and the ability to reach a definitive court approved settlement of the Casmalia matter, as well as other factors described elsewhere in this report. Most of these factors are beyond the Company's ability to predict or control. The Company disclaims any obligation to update any forward-looking statement made herein. Readers are cautioned not to put undue reliance on forward-looking statements.

ROYAL GOLD, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited)

ASSETS

		December 31, 2001		June 30, 2001
Current assets	_	2001	_	2001
Cash and equivalents	\$	6,926,359	\$	4,578,278
Royalty receivables		2,545,521		1,219,147
Prepaid expenses and other	•	174,388		206,751
Total current assets	•	9,646,268		6,004,176
Property and equipment, at cost, net		8,664,643		9,772,364
Available for sale securities		398,809		1,017,016
Other assets		410,282		468,649
Total assets	\$ =	19,120,002	\$	17,262,205

ROYAL GOLD, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (CONTINUED) (Unaudited)

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

]	December 31,		June 30,
Current liabilities	_	2001	-	2001
Accounts payable	\$	727,093	\$	485,785
Dividend payable		0		894,490
Accrued compensation		347,000		150,000
Other		48,716		43,034
Total current liabilities		1,122,809		1,573,309
Other liabilities		123,812		127,100
Commitments and contingencies (note 4)				
Stockholders' equity Common stock, \$.01 par value, authorized 40,000,000 shares; and issued 18,149,760 and 18,101,622 shares, respectively		181,498		181,016
Additional paid-in capital		55,867,752		55,868,222
Additional paid-in capital		33,807,732		33,808,222
Accumulated other comprehensive income		0		(553,472)
Accumulated deficit	-	(37,078,997)	,	(38,837,098)
		18,970,253		16,658,668
Less treasury stock, at cost (229,226 shares)	-	(1,096,872)	•	(1,096,872)
Total stockholders' equity		17,873,381		15,561,796
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ =	19,120,002	\$	17,262,205

ROYAL GOLD, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Unaudited)

	For The Three Months Ended			
		December 31, 2001	_	December 31, 2000
Royalty revenues	\$	2,889,380	\$	1,405,106
Costs and expenses				
Costs of operations		243,058		125,237
General and administrative		439,099		472,838
Exploration and business development		172,711		249,442
Impairment of mining assets		0		490,215
Depreciation and depletion	<u>-</u>	524,950		308,000
Total costs and expenses	-	1,379,818		1,645,732
Operating income	-	1,509,562		(240,626)
Interest and other income		32,289		79,807
Gain (loss) on marketable securities		(96,286)		0
Interest and other expense	-	31,481		0
Income before income taxes		1,414,085		(160,819)
Income tax expense (benefit)	-	28,282		(3,216)
Net earnings	\$	1,385,802	\$	(157,603)
Adjustments to comprehensive income Unrealized change in market value of available for	=		;	
sale securities		0		(423,662)
Comprehensive income	\$ =	1,385,802	\$	(581,265)
Basic earnings per share	\$_	0.08	\$	(0.01)
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	_	17,899,951	,	17,763,862
Diluted earnings per share	\$_	0.08	\$	(0.01)
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	=	18,025,966	:	17,763,862

ROYAL GOLD, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Unaudited)

	For The Six Months Ended			
	<u> </u>	December 31, 2001	_	December 31, 2000
Royalty revenues	\$	5,721,013	\$	2,943,050
Costs and expenses				
Costs of operations		461,447		335,063
General and administrative		884,717		858,673
Exploration and business development		295,032		383,100
Impairment of mining assets		0		490,215
Depreciation and depletion	_	1,121,760		536,491
Total costs and expenses	-	2,762,956		2,603,542
Operating income	-	2,958,057		339,508
Interest and other income		70,147		141,595
Gain (loss) on marketable securities		(1,171,679)		0
Interest and other expense		62,544	_	0
Income before income taxes		1,793,981		481,103
Income tax expense	_	35,880		9,622
Net earnings	\$_	1,758,101	\$	471,481
Adjustments to comprehensive income Unrealized change in market value of available for sale securities Realization of the change in market value of available for	_	0	-	(453,349)
sale securities		553,472		0
Comprehensive income	\$_	2,311,573	\$	18,132
Basic earnings per share	\$	0.10	\$	0.03
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	_	17,890,862	-	17,749,025
Diluted earnings per share	\$_	0.10	\$	0.03
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	_	18,002,912	=	17,867,981

ROYAL GOLD, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

	For The Six Months Ended			
	December 31,		December 31,	
		2001		2000
Cash flows from operating activities				
Net income Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:	\$	1,758,101	\$	471,481
Depreciation and depletion		1,121,760		536,491
Impairment of mining assets		0		490,215
Loss on marketable securities		1,171,679		0
Other		0		66,249
(Increase) decrease in:				
Royalty receivables		(1,326,374)		577,936
Other current assets		32,363		(67,911)
Increase (decrease) in:				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		443,990		(286,818)
Other liabilities	_	(3,288)	_	1,066
Total adjustments		1,440,130		1,317,228
Net cash provided by operating activities		3,198,231		1,788,709

ROYAL GOLD, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED) (Unaudited)

	For The Six Months Ended			
	De	ecember 31, 2001		December 31, 2000
Cash flows from investing activities				
Capital expenditures for property and equipment	\$	(14,039)	\$	(52,850)
Decrease in other assets	_	58,367	_	0
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		44,328	_	(52,850)
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Purchase of common stock		0		(53,242)
Dividends		(894,490)		(885,004)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	_	12	_	8,750
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		(894,478)	_	(929,496)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and equivalents		2,348,081	_	806,363
Cash and equivalents at beginning of period	_	4,578,278	_	4,647,160
Cash and equivalents at end of period	\$ ==	6,926,359	\$ =	5,453,523

Unless the context requires otherwise, references to "we," "us," "our," or the "Company" are intended to mean Royal Gold, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries. We believe that our disclosures are adequate to make the information presented not misleading. The consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments that are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair presentation of our financial results for the interim periods presented. For a more complete understanding of the business and operations of Royal Gold, Inc., please refer to the report on Form 10-K of Royal Gold, Inc. for the annual period ended June 30, 2001.

1. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

The carrying value of the Company's property and equipment consists of the following components at December 31, 2001:

A (D 1 21 2001		C		Accumulated Depreciation		N
As of December 31, 2001		Gross	_	& Depletion	_	Net
Royalties						
GSR1	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
GSR2		-		-		-
GSR3		8,105,020		2,464,273		5,640,747
NVR1		2,135,107		266,007		1,869,100
Bald Mountain		1,978,547		1,210,475		768,072
Mule Canyon		180,714		-		180,714
Yamana Resources, Inc.		172,810		61,403		111,407
Total royalties		12,572,198		4,002,158		8,570,040
Office furniture, equipment and						
improvements		848,291		753,688		94,603
	\$	13,420,489	\$	4,755,846	\$	8,664,643
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Presented below is a discussion of the status of each of the Company's currently significant mineral properties.

Pipeline Mining Complex

The Company holds two sliding-scale gross smelter returns royalties (GSR1 and GSR2) and a fixed gross royalty (GSR3) over the Pipeline Mining Complex that includes the Pipeline and South Pipeline gold deposits in Lander County, Nevada. The Company also owns a net value royalty (NVR1) on the South Pipeline gold deposit.

The Pipeline Mining Complex is owned by The Cortez Joint Venture, a joint venture between Placer Cortez Inc. (60%), a subsidiary of Placer Dome Inc., and Kennecott Explorations (Australia) Ltd. (40%), a subsidiary of Rio Tinto.

Reserves

The following table shows the reserves that have been defined by Cortez at the Pipeline Mining Complex that are subject to the Company's royalties:

Proven and Probable Reserves (1)(2)(3)(4) December 31, 2001

	Tons	Average Grade	Contained
<u>Royalty</u>	(millions)	(oz Au/ton)	Oz Au (5)
GSR 1 (6)	144.7	0.047	6,776,000
GSR 3 (7)	144.7	0.047	6,776,000
NVR 1 (8)	114.0	0.044	4,969,000

- (1) "Reserve" is that part of a mineral deposit which could be economically and legally extracted or produced at the time of the reserve determination.
- (2) "Proven (Measured) Reserves" are reserves for which (a) quantity is computed from dimensions revealed in outcrops, trenches, workings or drill holes and the grade is computed from the results of detailed sampling, and (b) the sites for inspection, sampling and measurement are spaced so closely and the geologic character is so well defined that the size, shape, depth and mineral content of the reserves are well-established.
- (3) "Probable (Indicated) Reserves" are reserves for which the quantity and grade are computed from information similar to that used for proven (measured) reserves, but the sites for inspection, sampling, and measurement are farther apart or are otherwise less adequately spaced. The degree of assurance of probable (indicated) reserves, although lower than that for proven (measured) reserves, is high enough to assume geological continuity between points of observation.
- (4) Amounts shown represent 100% of the reserves that are subject to the stated royalty interest.
- (5) Contained ounces shown are before an allowance for dilution of ore in the mining process. The assumed processing recovery rates are 88% for mill-grade ore, and 65% for heap leach material. These reserves, estimated by Cortez, are based on a life-of-mine gold price projection of \$275 per ounce.
- (6) GSR1 is a sliding scale royalty that covers the current mine footprint.

- (7) GSR3 is a 0.71% fixed rate royalty for the life of the mine.
- (8) NVR1 is a 0.37% net value royalty that covers production from the GAS claims, a portion of the Pipeline Mining Complex that excludes the Pipeline pit. The NVR1 is calculated by deducting processing related costs, but not mining costs.

Other Mineralization

Set forth below is a table showing, in the aggregate, the additional mineralization that has been defined by Cortez at the Pipeline Mining Complex that are subject to the company's royalties:

Pipeline Mining Complex Additional Mineralization (1)(2) December 31, 2001

	Tons	Average Grade
Royalty Property of the Royalty	(millions)	(oz Au/ton)
GSR 1 (3)	6.5	0.045
GSR 2 (4)	51.6	0.044
GSR 3 (5)	58.1	0.044
NVR 1 (6)	54.6	0.045

- (1) Additional mineralization has not been included in the proven and probable ore reserve estimates because even though drilling, trenching and/or underground work indicates a sufficient quantity and grade to warrant further exploration or development expenditures, these deposits do not qualify as commercially mineable ore bodies until further drilling and metallurgical work are completed, and until other economic and technical feasibility factors based upon such work are resolved.
- (2) The amounts shown are computed by Cortez and represent 100% of the deposits.
- (3) GSR1 is a sliding scale royalty that covers the current mine footprint.
- (4) GSR2 is a sliding scale royalty that covers an area outside of the current mine footprint.
- (5) GSR3 is a 0.71% fixed rate royalty for the life of the mine.
- (6) NVR1 is a 0.37% net value royalty that covers production from the GAS claims, a portion of the Pipeline Mining Complex that excludes the Pipeline pit. NVR1 is calculated by deducting processing related costs, but not mining costs.

Bald Mountain

Effective January 1, 1998, the Company purchased a 50% undivided interest in a sliding-scale net smelter returns royalty that burdens a portion of the Bald Mountain mine, in White Pine County, Nevada. Bald Mountain is an open pit, heap leach mine operated by Placer Dome U.S. Inc. As of December 31, 2001, Placer Dome reported that at a \$275 gold price, proven and probable reserves related to Royal Gold's royalty position include 7.7 million tons of ore, at an average grade of 0.03 ounces of gold per ton, containing approximately 232,000 ounces of gold.

Mule Canyon

In fiscal 1999, the Company purchased a 5% NSR royalty on a portion of the Mule Canyon mine, operated by Newmont Gold Company.

Yamana Resources

In fiscal 2000, the Company purchased a 2% NSR royalty on Yamana Resources' properties in Argentina.

2. AVAILABLE FOR SALE SECURITIES

The Company holds available for sale securities in a number of mining and exploration companies. The Company recorded a mark to market loss of \$96,286 on these securities for the three months ended December 31, 2001, and \$1,171,679 for the six months ended December 31, 2001.

The securities are valued at current market value.

3. EARNINGS PER SHARE ("EPS") COMPUTATION

For The Six Months Ended December 31, 2001

	Income	Shares	Per-Share	
	(Numerator)	(Denominator)	<u>Amount</u>	
Basic EPS				
Income available to common stockholders	\$ 1,758,101	17,890,863	\$ 0.10	
Effect of dilutive securities		112,049		
Diluted EPS	\$ 1,758,101	18,002,912	\$ 0.10	
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At December 31, 2001, 391,079 options to purchase shares of common stock at an average purchase price of \$6.52 per share were not included in the computation of diluted EPS, because the exercise price of these options was greater than the average market price of the common shares.

For The Six Months Ended December 31, 2000

	Income		Shares	Per-Share
	<u>(N</u>	Numerator)	(Denominator)	<u>Amount</u>
Basic EPS				
Income available to common				
stockholders	\$	468,265	17,749,025	\$ 0.03
Effect of dilutive securities			118,955	
Diluted EPS	\$	468,265	17,867,981	\$ 0.03
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At December 31, 2000, 911,634 options to purchase common stock at an average price of \$5.36 per share were not included in the computation of diluted EPS, because the exercise price of the options was greater than the average market price of these common shares.

For The Three Months Ended December 31, 2001

	Income (Numerator)		Shares (Denominator)	Per-Share <u>Amount</u>
Basic EPS Income available to common				
stockholders	\$	1,385,802	17,899,951	\$ 0.08
Effect of dilutive securities			<u>126,015</u>	
Diluted EPS	\$	1,385,802	18,025,966	\$ 0.08

At December 31, 2001, 125,000 options to purchase shares of common stock, at an average price of \$8.98 per share were not included in the computation of diluted EPS, because the exercise price of the options was greater than the average market price of these common shares.

For the three months ended December 31, 2000, 265,800 options to purchase shares of common stock, at an average price of \$1.59 per share, were not included in the computation of diluted EPS, because the impact of any such option exercise would be anti-dilutive.

4. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Casmalia

The Company received notice, on March 24, 2000, that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") had identified Royal Resources, Inc. (Royal Gold's corporate predecessor) as one of 22,000 potentially responsible parties ("PRPs"), for clean-up of a fully-permitted hazardous waste landfill at Casmalia, Santa Barbara County, California, under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("Superfund"). The Company's alleged PRP status stemmed from oil and gas exploration activities undertaken by Royal Resources in California during 1983-84.

At the end of June 2001, the Company agreed, in principle, subject to the drafting of an acceptable consent decree, to accept financial responsibility for approximately two million pounds of customary oil and gas well drilling mud, and to settle with the EPA for approximately \$110,000. This amount, along with legal fees of \$20,000, are accrued in the financial statements.

5. GENERAL

The unaudited financial statements as of December 31, 2001, and for the three and six months ended December 31, 2001 and 2000, reflect all adjustments, consisting solely of normal recurring items, which are necessary for the fair presentation of financial position, results of operations, and cash flows on a basis consistent with that of the prior audited consolidated financial statements.

Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles have been condensed or omitted. Therefore, it is suggested that these financial statements be read in connection with the audited financial statements and the notes included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K as of June 30, 2001.

Royal Gold is engaged in the acquisition and management of precious metals royalties and in the exploration and development of precious metals properties.

The Company seeks to acquire existing royalties or to finance projects that are in production or near production in exchange for royalty interests. The Company also explores and develops properties thought to contain precious metals and seeks to obtain royalty and other carried ownership interests in such properties from other mining companies. Substantially all of the Company's revenues are and can be expected to be derived from royalty interests, rather than from mining operations conducted by the Company.

6. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On January 31, 2002, the Company entered into various agreements with other "Tier II" parties identified as potentially responsible for a portion of the clean-up of the Casmalia Disposal Facility, in Casmalia, California (the "Site"), and, in connection with such agreements, deposited the sum of \$107,858 into escrow. The escrowed funds are intended to resolve the Company's alleged liability under Superfund for clean-up costs to be incurred at the Site.

The escrow amount is based on the percentage of the total waste volume at the Site that the Company or its predecessors allegedly disposed of there, during 1983 and 1984. Although the Company's waste consisted entirely of customary oil field waste, the EPA has alleged that the waste was hazardous. The Company's volumetric contribution of allegedly hazardous waste was then used to calculate the Company's share of the projected cost of \$272 million to accomplish remediation of the Site.

The Company may still remain exposed for its proportionate share of "natural resources damages" at the Site, but that matter remains the subject of further negotiation, in connection with the completion of the consent decree that the Company will be obliged to enter into with EPA and the other Tier II parties before the deposited funds may be released from escrow. Any liability for "natural resources damages", at the Site, that may remain after the consent decree has been executed likely will not be determined until after the clean-up of the Casmalia Site has been completed. (See note 4.)

ROYAL GOLD, INC. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the accompanying interim Consolidated Financial Statements, related Notes and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included in the report on Form 10-K of Royal Gold, Inc. for the annual period ended June 30, 2001.

At December 31, 2001, the Company had current assets of \$9,646,268 compared to current liabilities of \$1,122,809 for a current ratio of 9 to 1. This compares to current assets of \$6,004,176 and current liabilities of \$1,573,309 at June 30, 2001, resulting in a current ratio of 4 to 1.

During the first six months of fiscal 2002, liquidity needs were met from \$5,727,013 in royalty revenues from production at the Pipeline Mining Complex, Yamana, and at Bald Mountain, the Company's available cash resources, and interest and other income of \$70,147.

The Company recorded a non-cash charge of \$1,171,679 related to its available for sale securities. The decline in value of these securities was deemed to be other-than-temporary and therefore the decline in value was recognized, including \$553,472 that had previously been recorded as a loss in Other Comprehensive Income.

For fiscal 2002, based on information from the operator, the Company anticipates production of more than one million ounces of gold at the Pipeline Mining Complex, which includes the processing of carbonaceous ore, based on estimates provided by Cortez. Production at the Pipeline Mining Complex was approximately 611,000 ounces of gold during the six months ended December 31, 2001.

The Company has a \$10 million line of credit from HSBC that may be used to acquire producing royalties. At this time, no funds have been drawn under the line of credit.

The Company will continue to explore its remaining properties, with a view to enhancing the value of any such properties prior to possible farm out to major mining company partners.

The Company's current financial resources and sources of income should be adequate to cover the Company's anticipated expenditures for general and administrative costs, exploration and business development costs, and capital expenditures for the foreseeable future.

ROYAL GOLD, INC. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Quarter Ended December 31, 2001, Compared with Quarter Ended December 31, 2000

For the quarter ended December 31, 2001, the Company recorded net earnings of \$1,385,802, or \$0.08 per diluted share, as compared to a net loss of \$157,603, or \$0.01 per diluted share, for the quarter ended December 31, 2000. Net earnings for the current quarter reflect \$2,889,380 in royalty revenues.

The Company received royalty revenues of \$2,791,484 from its royalties at the Pipeline Mining Complex and \$97,896 million from its royalty at Bald Mountain. For the quarter ended December 31, 2000, the Company received royalty revenues of \$1,405,106. This increase resulted from a higher royalty rate due to a higher gold price, and higher production at the Pipeline Mining Complex.

Cost of operations increased compared to the quarter ended December 31, 2000, primarily related to Nevada net proceeds tax expenditures associated with the increased royalties at the Pipeline Mining Complex.

General and administrative expenses of \$439,099 for the quarter ended December 31, 2001, decreased compared to \$472,383 for the quarter ended December 31, 2000, primarily because of cost control efforts on outside consulting fees.

Exploration and business development expenses decreased from \$249,442 for the quarter ended December 31, 2000, to \$172,711 for the quarter ended December 31, 2001, primarily due to decreased exploration expenditures, somewhat offset by increased business development costs.

Depreciation and depletion increased from \$308,000 for the quarter ended December 31, 2000, to \$524,950 for the quarter ended December 31, 2001, primarily due to increased production at the Pipeline Mining Complex, the increased depletion associated with the Company's purchase of the GSR3 royalty at the Pipeline Mining Complex, because the royalty rate increased from 0.475% to 0.7125%, and depletion related to the Company's NVR1 royalty, which was not owned last year.

The Company recorded a non-cash charge of \$96,286 related to its equity investments in Yamana Resources for the quarter ended December 31, 2001. The decline in value of these securities was deemed to be other-than-temporary and therefore the decline in value was recognized in the Statement of Operations.

Interest and other income decreased from \$79,807 for the quarter ended December 31, 2000 to \$32,289 for the quarter ended December 31, 2001, primarily due to lower interest rates received on invested funds.

ROYAL GOLD, INC. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Six Months Ended December 31, 2001, Compared with Six Months Ended December 31, 2000

For the six months ended December 31, 2001, the Company recorded net earnings of \$1,758,101, or \$0.10 per diluted share, as compared to net earnings of \$471,481, or \$0.03 per diluted share, for the six months ended December 31, 2000. Net earnings for the six months ended December 31, 2001, reflect \$5,721,013 in royalty revenues.

Cost of operations increased compared to the six months ended December 31, 2000, primarily related to Nevada net proceeds tax expenditures associated with the increased royalties at the Pipeline Mining Complex.

General and administrative expenses of \$884,717 for the six months ended December 31, 2001, increased compared to \$858,673 for the six months ended December 31, 2000, primarily because of decreased allocation of employee costs to exploration consistent with the Company's decreased emphasis on exploration.

Exploration and business development expenses decreased from \$383,100 for the six months ended December 31, 2000, to \$295,032 for the six months ended December 31, 2001, primarily due to decreased exploration expenditures, somewhat offset by increased business development costs.

Depreciation and depletion increased from \$536,491 for the six months ended December 31, 2000, to \$1,121,760 for the six months ended December 31, 2001, primarily due to increased production at the Pipeline Mining Complex, the increased depletion associated with the Company's purchase of the GSR3 royalty at the Pipeline Mining Complex, because the royalty rate increased from 0.475% to 0.7125%, and depletion related to the Company's NVR1 royalty which was not owned last year.

The Company recorded a non-cash charge of \$1,171,679 related to its equity investments in Yamana Resources for the six months ended December 31, 2001. The decline in value of these securities was deemed to be other-than-temporary and therefore the decline in value was recognized. Included in the charge for the six months ended December 31, 2001, was a previous unrealized loss of \$553,472 recorded in Other Comprehensive Income.

Interest and other income decreased from \$141,595 for the six months ended December 31, 2000, to \$70,147 for the six months ended December 31, 2001, primarily due to lower interest rates received on invested funds.

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PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 6. EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8K

- (a) <u>Exhibits</u> None
- $\begin{array}{c} \text{(b)} & \underline{\text{Reports on Form 8-K}} \\ & \overline{\text{None}} \end{array}$

SIGNATURES

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, thereunto duly authorized.

ROYAL GOLD, INC.

Date: February 14, 2002 By: /s/ Stanley Dempsey

Stanley Dempsey

Chairman, Chief Executive

Officer and Director

Date: February 14, 2002 By: /s/ John Skadow

John Skadow

Treasurer and Controller