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**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) August 25, 2004

ROYAL GOLD, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

0-5664

84-0835164

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(IRS 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

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

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors of Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

Election of Director

On August 25, 2004, the Board of Directors of Royal Gold, Inc. elected Tony Jensen as a Class I Director filling a vacancy in that Class. Mr. Jensen's term as a Class I Director will expire in 2006. Mr. Jensen is President and Chief Operating Officer of Royal Gold, since August 2003. He has over twenty years of mining industry experience. Before joining Royal Gold, Mr. Jensen was the Mine General Manager of the Cortez Joint Venture and spent eighteen years with Placer Dome Inc. His extensive background in operations was developed both in the United States and Chile where he occupied several senior management positions. Mr. Jensen holds a B.S. degree in Mining Engineering from South Dakota School of Mines and also holds a Certificate in Finance from Golden Gate University in San Francisco. Mr. Jensen has not been nominated to any committees of the Board of Directors of Royal Gold.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Royal Gold, Inc.
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Karen Gross
Name: Karen Gross
Title: Vice President & Corporate Secretary

Dated: August 31, 2004