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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) September 1, 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.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

The following information is furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 “Regulation FD Disclosure.”

On September 1, 2004, Royal Gold, Inc. announced its fourth quarter dividend. The information contained in the press release dated September 1, 2004, regarding the Company’s dividend is incorporated herein by reference and is filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

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: September 1, 2004

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ROYAL GOLD ANNOUNCES FOURTH QUARTER DIVIDEND

DENVER, COLORADO. SEPTEMBER 1, 2004: ROYAL GOLD, INC. (NASDAQ:RGLD; TSX:RGL) today announced that its Board of Directors has declared its fourth quarter dividend of US\$0.0375 per share of common stock. The dividend is payable on October 15, 2004, to shareholders of record at the close of business on October 1, 2004. The Company has paid dividends since 2000.

Royal Gold is a precious metals royalty company engaging in the acquisition and management of precious metals royalty interests. Royal Gold is publicly traded on the NASDAQ National Market System, under the symbol "RGLD" and on the Toronto Stock Exchange, under the symbol "RGL." The Company's web page is located at www.royalgold.com.