

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
January 5, 2012**

**ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Royal Gold, Inc.

File No. 1-13357 - CF#27728

Royal Gold, Inc. submitted an application under Rule 24b-2 requesting confidential treatment for information it excluded from the Exhibits to a Form 8-K filed on December 15, 2011.

Based on representations by Royal Gold, Inc. that this information qualifies as confidential commercial or financial information under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4), the Division of Corporation Finance has determined not to publicly disclose it. Accordingly, excluded information from the following exhibit(s) will not be released to the public for the time period(s) specified:

Exhibit 10.1 through July 21, 2020

For the Commission, by the Division of Corporation Finance, pursuant to delegated authority:

John Reynolds
Assistant Director