

ROYAL GOLD INC  
Form 8-K  
October 20, 2005

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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) October 18, 2005

**ROYAL GOLD, INC.**

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*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

**Delaware**

**0-5664**

**84-0835164**

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*(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)*

*(Commission  
File Number)*

*(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)*

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**1660 Wynkoop Street, Suite 1000, Denver, CO**

**80202-1132**

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*(Address of principal executive offices)*

*(Zip Code)*

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code 303-573-1660**

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*(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))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On October 18, 2005, Royal Gold, Inc. announced that it has signed a term sheet for financing High River Gold's Taparko project. The information contained in the press release dated October 18, 2005, regarding the Company's announcement is incorporated herein by reference and is filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

| <b>Exhibit<br/>Number</b> | <b>Description</b>  |
|---------------------------|---|
| 99.1                      | Press Release dated October 18, 2005 Royal Gold Signs Term Sheet For Financing High River Gold's Taparko Project. |

**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: October 20, 2005

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