GROSS KAREN

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GROSS KAREN		g Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ROYAL GOLD INC [RGLD]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
1660 WYNKOOP STREET, SUITE		Γ, SUITE	09/21/2012	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
1000				VP and Secretary		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line)		
DENVER, CO 80202-1132				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	Derivative S	Securi	ities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	tr. 8) (A)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	09/21/2012		M	12,000	A	\$ 30.96	112,095 (1)	D	
Common Stock	09/21/2012		D	3,820 (2)	D	\$ 97.27	108,275 (1)	D	
Common Stock	09/21/2012		M	6,000	A	\$ 49.66	114,275 <u>(1)</u>	D	
Common Stock	09/21/2012		D	3,064 (3)	D	\$ 97.27	111,211 (1)	D	
Common Stock	09/21/2012		F	4,575	D	\$ 96.8 (4)	106,636 <u>(1)</u>	D	

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Common Stock 09/21/2012 S 3,225 D $\frac{\$ 96.8}{(4)}$ 103,411 $\frac{(1)}{}$ D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amoun Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amor or Numl of Sh
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 30.96	09/21/2012		M		12,000	11/05/2009	11/05/2018	Common Stock	12,0
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 49.66	09/21/2012		M		6,000	11/17/2011	11/17/2020	Common Stock	6,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GROSS KAREN

1660 WYNKOOP STREET SUITE 1000

VP and Secretary

DENVER, CO 80202-1132

Signatures

Karen Gross 09/25/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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- (1) Includes 22,001 shares of restricted stock that have not yet vested.
- This represents the difference between the number of SARs exercised (12,000) and the number of shares issued as a result of the exercise (2) (8,180). The number of shares to be issued under a SAR exercise is determined by multiplying the number of SARs being exercised by the difference between the FMV on the date of exercise (\$97.27) and the exercise price (\$30.96).
 - This represents the difference between the number of SARs exercised (6,000) and the number of shares issued as a result of the exercise
- (3) (2,936). The number of shares to be issued under a SAR exercise is determined by multiplying the number of SARs being exercised by the difference between the FMV on the date of exercise (\$97.27) and the exercise price (\$49.66).
- (4) The range of the weighted average sale price is \$96.61 to \$96.91.

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