

ROYAL GOLD INC
Form 8-K
December 18, 2009

**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): December 18, 2009

ROYAL GOLD, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware

(State or other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-13357

(Commission File Number)

84-0835164

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

1660 Wynkoop Street, Suite 1000, Denver, CO

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

80202-1132

(Zip Code)

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

N/A

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

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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 December 18, 2009, Royal Gold, Inc. (Royal Gold) issued a press release announcing that Royal Gold and International Royalty Corporation (IRC) have entered into an agreement to undertake a Plan of Arrangement whereby Royal Gold, through its wholly-owned Canadian subsidiary, and with the unanimous support of IRC 's management and board of directors, will acquire all of the issued and outstanding common shares of IRC.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated December 18, 2009

SIGNATURE

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)

Date: December 18, 2009

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

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated December 18, 2009

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