

Battle Mountain Gold Exploration Corp.

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Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 13D**

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 4 )\***

**BATTLE MOUNTAIN GOLD EXPLORATION CORP.**  
(Name of Issuer)

**Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share**  
(Title of Class of Securities)

**07159T100**

(CUSIP Number)

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**May 9, 2007**

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS:

**Royal Gold, Inc.**

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I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY):

**84-0835164**

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

2

(a)

(b)

SEC USE ONLY:

3

SOURCE OF FUNDS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

4

**WC**

CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e):

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION:

6

United States of America

SOLE VOTING POWER:

7

NUMBER OF -0- shares

SHARED VOTING POWER:

SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 8

58,068,052 shares <sup>1,2</sup>

EACH  
REPORTING PERSON      **9**      SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER:  
-0- shares

WITH  
**10**      SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER:  
58,068,052 shares <sup>1</sup>

**11**      AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON:  
58,068,052 shares <sup>1,2</sup>

**12**      CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):  
o

**13**      PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11):  
55.77%

**14**      TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):  
CO

<sup>1</sup> Includes 12,102,940 shares of common stock beneficially owned by IAMGOLD Corporation, which number includes 6,194,000 shares of common stock owned by Repadre International Corporation, and 4,000,000 shares of common stock issuable to IAMGOLD Corporation upon conversion of a debenture in the principal amount of \$2,000,000. Also includes 17,774,192 shares of common stock beneficially owned by Mark Kucher, which number includes 3,160,000, 1,000,000, 3,400,000 and 40,000 shares of common stock owned by Bug River Trading Corp., British Swiss Investment Corp., Warrior Resources Corp. and Mr. Kucher's spouse, respectively, and also which number includes an option to purchase 800,000 shares of common stock at \$0.40 per share that vested April 15, 2005 and warrants to purchase up to 2,512,096 shares of common stock at \$0.31 per share. Also includes 24,190,920 shares deemed beneficially owned by Royal Gold upon conversion of the current outstanding amounts under a bridge loan facility. See Item 3 Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration and Item 4 Purpose of the Transaction below and Item 5 Interest in Securities of Issuer of Amendment No. 2 of this Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) on April 2, 2007 for more information.

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<sup>2</sup> Includes shares that are subject to limitations on Royal Gold's voting rights. See Item 4 Purpose of Transaction and Item 5 Interest in Securities of Issuer of Amendment No. 2 of this Schedule 13D filed with the SEC on April 2, 2007 for more information.

<sup>3</sup> Based on 72,620,620 shares of common stock issued and outstanding as of May 18, 2007 which number is based on information provided by Battle Mountain Gold Exploration Corp.

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This Amendment No. 4 ( Amendment No. 4 ) amends and supplements the statement on Schedule 13D (as previously amended from time to time, the Schedule 13D ) filed by Royal Gold, Inc. on March 15, 2007, as amended, with respect to common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the Common Stock ) of Battle Mountain Gold Exploration Corp., a Nevada corporation ( Battle Mountain ) based on updated capitalization information provided by Battle Mountain. Capitalized terms used herein have the meaning given to them in the Schedule 13D.

**Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.**

On May 9, 2007, Royal Gold advanced \$600,000 to Battle Mountain pursuant to the Facility Agreement with Battle Mountain and BMGX (Barbados) Corporation (with Battle Mountain the Borrowers ) pursuant to which Royal Gold will make available to the Borrowers up to \$20 million in bridge financing that is convertible at Royal Gold's option into Common Stock as described more fully in Item 4 below.

**Item 4. Purpose of the Transaction.**

Under the Facility Agreement, Royal Gold may convert the outstanding principal, interest and expenses into Common Stock at a conversion price per share of \$0.60 at any time during the term of the Facility, up to and including the earlier of 5 business days prior to March 28, 2008 and 45 days following the date which Battle Mountain and Royal Gold terminate the Merger Agreement.

Royal Gold previously loaned \$13,914,552 to Battle Mountain pursuant to the Facility. On May 9, 2007, Royal Gold advanced to an additional \$600,000 to Battle Mountain. Royal Gold is deemed to beneficially own 24,190,920 shares of Common Stock into which the total outstanding amount under the Facility may be converted.

On April 14, 2007, pursuant to the terms of the Facility, the maximum availability of the facility was reduced from \$20 million to \$15 million.

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**SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: May 23, 2007

ROYAL GOLD, INC.

By: /s/ Karen Gross

Name: Karen Gross

Title: Vice President and Secretary