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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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|                 |  | FORM 10-Q  |                                     |                                     |
| (Mark One)      |  |  |                                     |                                     |
| Ø               | QUARTERLY REPORT PU<br>EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  | RSUANT TO SECTION 13                                 | OR 15(d) OF T                       | THE SECURITIES                      |
|                 | For the Quarterly Period Ended D   | ecember 31, 2007                                     |                                     |                                     |
|                 |  | or   |                                     |                                     |
|                 | TRANSITION REPORT PU<br>EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934   |  | OR 15(d) OF T                       | THE SECURITIES                      |
|                 | For the transition period from   | to   |                                     |                                     |
|                 | C  | ommission File Number: 001-1335                      | 7                                   |                                     |
|                 | _  |  |                                     |                                     |
|                 |  | Royal Gold, Inc                                      | Charter)<br>-<br>54-08<br>(I.R.S. F | 335164<br>Employer<br>ation No.)    |
| (A              | 1660 Wynkoop Street, Suite 1000<br>Denver, Colorado<br>ddress of Principal Executive Office                                  | )  |                                     | 202<br>Code)                        |
|                 | Registrant's tele  | phone number, including area code                    | e (303) 573-1660                    |                                     |
| Act of 1934 du  | ck mark whether the Registrant (1) has<br>ring the preceding 12 months (or for su<br>filing requirements for the past 90 day | ch shorter period that the Registrant                |                                     |                                     |
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| Large accelerat | <i>'</i>   | Non-accelerated file (Do not check if a smaller repo |                                     | Smaller reporting company $\square$ |
| Indicate by che | ck mark whether the Registrant is a she  | ell company (as defined in Rule 12b-                 | 2 of the Exchange                   | Act). Yes □ No ☑                    |
|                 | mber of shares outstanding of each of t<br>common stock, par value \$0.01 per sh   |  |                                     | ctical date: 30,080,298 shares of   |

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## ROYAL GOLD, INC.

## Consolidated Balance Sheets

|   | December 31,<br>2007<br>(Unaudited) | June 30,<br>2007 |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Current assets  |                                     |                  |
| Cash and equivalents  | \$195,652,395                       | \$ 82,841,861    |
| Royalty receivables   | 12,760,775                          | 12,470,451       |
| Income taxes receivable   | 470,983                             |                  |
| Deferred tax assets   | 192,896                             | 154,050          |
| Prepaid expenses and other  | 282,258                             | 216,857          |
| Total current assets  | 209,359,307                         | 95,683,219       |
| Royalty interests in mineral properties, net (Note 3)   | 298,044,543                         | 215,839,441      |
| Restricted cash — compensating balance  | 15,750,000                          | 15,750,000       |
| Inventory — restricted (Note 12)  | 10,880,927                          | 10,611,562       |
| Note receivable — Battle Mountain Gold Exploration (Note 2)   | · · · —                             | 14,493,878       |
| Available for sale securities (Note 4)  | 1,679,117                           | 1,995,041        |
| Other assets  | 6,433,095                           | 2,276,049        |
| Total assets  | \$542,146,989                       | \$356,649,190    |
| Current liabilities   |                                     |                  |
| Accounts payable  | \$ 4,109,442                        | \$ 2,342,330     |
| Income taxes payable  | ,10>,2                              | 5,064            |
| Dividends payable   | 2,113,511                           | 1,868,594        |
| Accrued compensation  | 715,500                             | 344,500          |
| Other   | 1,429,810                           | 128,039          |
| Total current liabilities   | 8,368,263                           | 4,688,527        |
| Net deferred tax liabilities  | 25,606,720                          | 5,910,697        |
| Note payable (Note 6)   | 15,750,000                          | 15,750,000       |
| Other long-term liabilities   | 494,581                             | 98,173           |
| Total liabilities   | 50,219,564                          | 26,447,397       |
| Commitments and contingencies (Note 11)   |                                     |                  |
| Minority interest in subsidiary (Note 13)   | 10,979,686                          | 11,120,797       |
| Stockholders' equity  |                                     |                  |
| Preferred stock, \$100.00 par value, 10,000,000 shares authorized; 1,150,000 shares of 7.25% mandatory convertible preferred stock issued | 115,000,000                         | _                |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value, authorized 100,000,000 shares; and issued 30,309,522 and 28,892,980 shares, respectively                  | 303,094                             | 288,929          |
| Additional paid-in capital  | 350,636,868                         | 310,439,112      |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income  | 285,485                             | 458,298          |
|   | 15,819,164                          | 8,991,529        |
| Accumulated earnings Less treasury stock, at cost (229,224 shares)  |                                     |                  |
| Less fleasury stock, at cost (229,224 shares)   | (1,096,872)                         | (1,096,872)      |
| Total stockholders' equity  | 480,947,739                         | 319,080,996      |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity  | \$542,146,989                       | \$356,649,190    |

**ROYAL GOLD, INC.**Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Unaudited)

|  | For The Three Months Ended                            |                      |
|--|---|----------------------|
|  | December 31,<br>2007                                  | December 31,<br>2006 |
| Royalty revenues   | \$15,396,371  | \$12,855,289         |
| Costs and expenses   |   |                      |
| Costs of operations (exclusive of depreciation, depletion and amortization shown separately below) | 930,152   | 900,465              |
| General and administrative   | 1,968,344   | 1,532,265            |
| Exploration and business development   | 1,851,064   | 472,630              |
| Depreciation, depletion and amortization   | 3,605,739   | 2,113,948            |
| Total costs and expenses   | 8,355,299   | 5,019,308            |
| Operating income   | 7,041,072   | 7,835,981            |
| Interest and other income  | 2,071,800   | 954,369              |
| Interest and other expense   | (788,750)   | (65,380)             |
| Income before income taxes   | 8,324,122   | 8,724,970            |
|  |   |                      |
| Current tax expense  | (2,910,888)   | (3,269,129)          |
| Deferred tax benefit   | 485,687   | 718,556              |
| Minority interest in income of consolidated subsidiary   | (322,448)   | (538,745)            |
| Loss from equity investment  | (511,227)   |                      |
| Net income   | \$ 5,065,246  | \$ 5,635,652         |
|  | ·   |                      |
| Adjustments to comprehensive income  |   |                      |
| Unrealized gain (loss) in market value of available for sale securities, net of tax                | 13,438  | (189,182)            |
| Comprehensive income   | \$ 5,078,684  | \$ 5,446,470         |
|  | <del>\$\ \circ\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\</del> | Ψ 0,0,σ              |
| Net income   | \$ 5,065,246  | \$ 5,635,652         |
| Preferred dividends  | (1,204,306)   | \$ 3,033,032         |
| Net income available to common stockholders  | \$ 3,860,940  | \$ 5,635,652         |
| Net income available to common stockholders  | \$ 3,800,940  | \$ 3,033,032         |
|  | Φ 0.12  | Φ 0.04               |
| Basic earnings per share   | \$ 0.13   | \$ 0.24              |
|  |   |                      |
| Basic weighted average shares outstanding  | 29,777,468  | 23,604,576           |
|  | ·   |                      |
| Diluted earnings per share   | \$ 0.13   | \$ 0.24              |
|  | =   |                      |
| Diluted weighted average shares outstanding  | 30,124,299  | 23,934,747           |
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**ROYAL GOLD, INC.**Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Unaudited)

|  | For The Six Months Ended |                      |  |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------|--|
|  | December 31,<br>2007     | December 31,<br>2006 |  |
| Royalty revenues   | \$28,213,372             | \$22,783,931         |  |
|  |                          |                      |  |
| Costs and expenses   |                          |                      |  |
| Costs of operations  | 1,792,138                | 1,568,124            |  |
| General and administrative   | 3,527,672                | 2,665,921            |  |
| Exploration and business development   | 2,480,722                | 891,171              |  |
| Depreciation, depletion, and amortization                                    | 6,007,821                | 3,188,861            |  |
| Total costs and expenses   | 13,808,353               | 8,314,077            |  |
|  |                          |                      |  |
| Operating income   | 14,405,019               | 14,469,854           |  |
|  |                          |                      |  |
| Interest and other income  | 3,951,746                | 1,925,555            |  |
| Interest and other expense   | (1,162,606)              | (131,695)            |  |
| Income before income taxes   | 17,194,159               | 16,263,714           |  |
|  |                          |                      |  |
| Current tax expense  | (6,174,836)              | (5,920,073)          |  |
| Deferred tax benefit   | 900,342                  | 961,902              |  |
| Minority interest in income of consolidated subsidiary                       | (542,588)                | (709,754)            |  |
| Loss from equity investment  | (549,511)                |                      |  |
| Net income   | \$10,827,566             | \$10,595,789         |  |
|  |                          |                      |  |
| Adjustments to comprehensive income  |                          |                      |  |
| Unrealized loss in market value of available for sale securities, net of tax | (172,813)                | (111,437)            |  |
| Comprehensive income   | \$10,654,753             | \$10,484,352         |  |
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| Net income   | \$10,827,566             | \$10,595,789         |  |
| Preferred dividends  | (1,204,306)              | ψ10,393,769<br>—     |  |
| Net income available to common stockholders                                  | \$ 9,623,260             | \$10,595,789         |  |
| Net income available to common stockholders                                  | \$ 9,023,200             | \$10,333,763         |  |
|  | Φ 0.22                   | Φ 0.45               |  |
| Basic earnings per share   | \$ 0.33                  | \$ 0.45              |  |
|  |                          |                      |  |
| Basic weighted average shares outstanding                                    | 29,253,504               | 23,590,292           |  |
|  |                          |                      |  |
| Diluted earnings per share   | \$ 0.33                  | \$ 0.44              |  |
| -  |                          |                      |  |
| Diluted weighted average shares outstanding                                  | 29,455,599               | 23,906,594           |  |
| 2 march 11 change black outsiding  | 27, 180,077              | 25,700,571           |  |
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ROYAL GOLD, INC.
Consolidated Statement of Stockholders' Equity for the Six Months Ended December 31, 2007
(Unaudited)

|   |           |                |            |           | Additional  | Accum  |           |             |             |         |               |    |                     |
|---|-----------|----------------|------------|-----------|-------------|--------|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------|---------------|----|---------------------|
|   | Preferr   | ed Shares      | Common     | Shares    | Paid-In     | Compre |           |             |             | Treasu  | ry Stock      | 7  | Total Stockholders' |
|   | Shares    | Amount         | Shares     | Amount    | Capital     |        | ome       | Accumulated | Earnings    | Shares  | Amount        |    | Equity              |
| Balance at June 30, 2007                          |           | \$ <u> </u>    | 28,892,980 | \$288,929 | 310,439,112 | \$     | 458,298   | \$          | 8,991,529   | 229,224 | \$(1,096,872) | \$ | 319,080,996         |
| Issuance of preferred stock for:                  |           |                |            |           |             |        |           |             |             |         |               |    |                     |
| 7.25% Mandatory Convertible offering (Note        |           |                |            |           |             |        |           |             |             |         |               |    |                     |
| 9)  | 1,150,000 | 115,000,000    |            |           | (3,902,010) |        |           |             |             |         |               |    | 111,097,990         |
| Issuance of common stock for:                     |           |                |            |           |             |        |           |             |             |         |               |    |                     |
| Battle Mountain acquisition (Note 2)              |           |                | 1,144,025  | 11,440    | 35,831,646  |        |           |             |             |         |               |    | 35,843,086          |
| Equity offering (April 2007)                      |           |                |            |           | (29,481)    |        |           |             |             |         |               |    | (29,481)            |
| Exercise of stock options                         |           |                | 36,250     | 363       | 424,928     |        |           |             |             |         |               |    | 425,291             |
| Vesting of restricted stock                       |           |                | 19,625     | 196       | (196)       |        |           |             |             |         |               |    | _                   |
| IAMGOLD Corporation and Repadre                   |           |                |            |           |             |        |           |             |             |         |               |    |                     |
| International Corporation (Note 7)                |           |                | 216,642    | 2,166     | 6,343,278   |        |           |             |             |         |               |    | 6,345,444           |
| Tax benefit of stock-based compensation exercises |           |                |            |           | 111,419     |        |           |             |             |         |               |    | 111,419             |
| Recognition of non-cash compensation expense for  |           |                |            |           |             |        |           |             |             |         |               |    |                     |
| stock-based compensation                          |           |                |            |           | 1,418,172   |        |           |             |             |         |               |    | 1,418,172           |
| Net income and comprehensive loss for the six     |           |                |            |           |             |        |           |             |             |         |               |    |                     |
| months ended                                      |           |                |            |           |             |        | (172,813) |             | 10,827,566  |         |               |    | 10,654,753          |
| Common dividends declared                         |           |                |            |           |             |        |           |             | (3,999,931) |         |               |    | (3,999,931)         |
| Balance at December 31, 2007                      | 1,150,000 | \$ 115,000,000 | 30,309,522 | \$303,094 | 350,636,868 | \$     | 285,485   | \$          | 15,819,164  | 229,224 | \$(1,096,872) | \$ | 480,947,739         |

## **ROYAL GOLD, INC.**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

|   | For The Six M         | Ionths Ended                            |
|---|-----------------------|---|
|   | December 31,<br>2007  | December 31,<br>2006                    |
| Cash flows from operating activities  | 2007                  | 2000                                    |
|   | <b>4.40.005.5</b>     | <b>4.0.707.700</b>                      |
| Net income  | \$ 10,827,566         | \$ 10,595,789                           |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: |                       |   |
| Depreciation, depletion and amortization  | 6,007,821             | 3,177,691                               |
| Deferred tax benefit  | (900,342)             | (961,902)                               |
| Non-cash employee stock compensation expense                                      | 1,418,172             | 1,322,521                               |
| Loss on available for sale securities   | 48,502                | _                                       |
| Interest income accrued for Battle Mountain note receivable                       | (713,420)             | _                                       |
| Tax benefit of stock-based compensation exercises                                 | (111,419)             | (69,097)                                |
| Changes in assets and liabilities:  |                       | , , ,                                   |
| Royalty receivables   | 436,721               | (2,658,898)                             |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets   | (2,317,664)           | (491,367)                               |
| Accounts payable  | 2,417,269             | 1,715,153                               |
| Income taxes (receivable) payable   | (374,125)             | 301,549                                 |
| Accrued liabilities and other current liabilities                                 | 384,214               | 178,622                                 |
| Other long-term liabilities   | (13,200)              | (13,200)                                |
|   |                       |   |
| Net cash provided by operating activities   | \$ 17,110,095         | \$ 13,096,861                           |
|   |                       |   |
| Cash flows from investing activities  |                       |   |
| Capital expenditures for property and equipment                                   | \$ (10,965)           | \$ (44,722)                             |
| Acquisition of royalty interests in mineral properties                            | (2,299,754)           | (18,235,383)                            |
| Deferred acquisition costs  | (56,209)              | (10,233,303)                            |
| Purchase of available for sale securities   | (50,207)              | (81,045)                                |
| Battle Mountain acquisition, net of cash acquired of \$1,398,181                  | (2,933,411)           | (61,615)                                |
| Buttle infountain acquisition, net of each acquired of \$1,000,101                |                       |   |
| Net cash used in investing activities   | \$ (5,300,339)        | \$(18,361,150)                          |
| Two cash asea in investing activities   | <u>Ψ (3,300,337</u> ) | φ(10,301,130)                           |
| Cash flows from financing activities:   |                       |   |
| Tax benefit of stock-based compensation exercises                                 | \$ 111,419            | \$ 69,097                               |
| Common dividends paid   | (3,755,013)           | (2,600,318)                             |
| Gold loan payoff — Battle Mountain  | (6,851,594)           |   |
| Net proceeds from issuance of common stock  | 397,976               | 282,501                                 |
| Net proceeds from issuance of preferred stock                                     | 111,097,990           | ´ <u>—</u>                              |
|   |                       |   |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities                               | \$101,000,778         | \$ (2,248,720)                          |
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| Net increase (decrease) in cash and equivalents                                   | 112,810,534           | (7,513,009)                             |
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| Cash and equivalents at beginning of period                                       | 82,841,861            | 78,449,383                              |
|   |                       |   |
| Cash and equivalents at end of period   | \$195,652,395         | \$ 70,936,374                           |
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| Supplemental cash flow information:   |                       |   |
| Non-cash financing activities:  |                       |   |
| Battle Mountain acquisition (with common stock)                                   | \$ 35,831,646         | \$                                      |
| Dattie Mountain acquisition (with common stock)                                   | φ <i>33</i> ,631,040  | <u>\$</u>                               |

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

# 1. OPERATIONS, SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

#### **Operations**

Royal Gold, Inc. ("Royal Gold", the "Company", "we", "us", or "our"), together with its subsidiaries, is engaged in the business of acquiring and managing precious metals royalties. Royalties are passive (non-operating) interests in mining projects that provide the right to revenue or production from the project after deducting specified costs, if any.

We seek to acquire existing royalties or to finance projects that are in production or near production in exchange for royalty interests. We are engaged in a continual review of opportunities to acquire existing royalties, to create new royalties through the financing of mine development or exploration, or to acquire companies that hold royalties. We currently, and generally at any time, have acquisition opportunities in various stages of active review, including, for example, our engagement of consultants and advisors to analyze particular opportunities, analysis of technical, financial and other confidential information, submission of indications of interest, participation in preliminary discussions and involvement as a bidder in competitive auctions. We also fund exploration on properties thought to contain precious metals and seek to obtain royalties and other carried ownership interests in such properties through the subsequent transfer of operating interests to other mining companies. Substantially all of our revenues are and will be expected to be derived from royalty interests. We do not conduct mining operations at this time.

#### **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles for annual financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments which are of a normal recurring nature considered necessary for a fair statement have been included in this Form 10-Q. Operating results for the six months ended December 31, 2007, are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008. These interim unaudited financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007.

#### **Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements**

On July 13, 2006, Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Interpretation No. 48 ("FIN 48"), *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes – An Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109*, was issued. FIN 48 clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in a company's financial statements in accordance with SFAS 109. FIN 48 also prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. FIN 48 also provides guidance on de-recognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition. The Company adopted FIN 48 on July 1, 2007. Refer to Note 10 for a discussion regarding the effect of adopting FIN 48.

In September 2006, the FASB issued Statement No. 157, Fair Value Measurements. Statement No. 157 provides guidance for using fair value to measure assets and liabilities. Statement No. 157 applies whenever other accounting standards require (or permit) assets or liabilities to be measured at fair value but does not expand the use of fair value in any new circumstances. Under Statement No. 157, fair value refers to the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability between participants in the market in which the reporting entity transacts. In this standard, the FASB clarifies the principle that fair value should be based on the assumptions market participants would use when pricing the asset or

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

liability. The provisions of Statement No. 157 are effective for our fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and interim periods within the fiscal year. The Company is evaluating the impact, if any, the adoption of Statement No. 157 could have on our financial statements.

In February 2007, the FASB issued Statement No. 159, "*The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities*", which allows entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. Statement No. 159 is effective as of the beginning of an entity's first fiscal year that begins after November 15, 2007. The Company is evaluating the impact, if any, the adoption of Statement No. 159 could have on our financial statements.

In December 2007, the FASB issued Statement No. 141 (revised 2007), "Business Combinations", ("SFAS 141R"), which significantly changes the ways companies account for business combinations and will generally require more assets acquired and liabilities assumed to be measured at their acquisition date fair value. Under SFAS 141R, legal fees and other transaction related costs are expensed as incurred and are no longer included in goodwill as a cost of acquiring the business. SFAS 141R also requires, among other things, acquirers to estimate the acquisition date fair value of any contingent consideration and to recognize any subsequent changes in the fair value of contingent consideration in earnings. In addition, restructuring costs the acquirer expected, but was not obligated to incur, will be recognized separately from the business acquisition. SFAS 141R is effective for the Company's fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, and is to be applied prospectively. The Company is evaluating the impact, if any, the adoption of SFAS 141R could have on our financial statements.

Also in December 2007, the FASB issued Statement No. 160, "Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements, an amendment of ARB No. 51" ("SFAS 160"). SFAS 160 requires all entities to report noncontrolling interests in subsidiaries as a separate component of equity in the consolidated financial statements. SFAS 160 establishes a single method of accounting for changes in a parent's ownership interest in a subsidiary that do not result in deconsolidation. Companies will no longer recognize a gain or loss on partial disposals of a subsidiary where control is retained. In addition, in partial acquisitions, where control is obtained, the acquiring company will recognize and measure at fair value 100 percent of the assets and liabilities, including goodwill, as if the entire target company had been acquired. SFAS 160 is effective for the Company's fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, and is to be applied prospectively. The Company is evaluating the impact, if any, the adoption of SFAS 160 could have on our financial statements.

#### 2. ACQUISITION OF BATTLE MOUNTAIN GOLD EXPLORATION

On July 30, 2007, we entered into an Amended and Restated Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement") with Battle Mountain and Royal Battle Mountain, Inc. ("Merger Sub"), a newly-formed and wholly-owned subsidiary of Royal Gold, pursuant to which the Merger Sub was merged into Battle Mountain with Battle Mountain surviving as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Royal Gold.

On October 24, 2007, we completed the merger pursuant to the Merger Agreement and acquired 100% of the issued and outstanding capital stock of Battle Mountain in a transaction whereby the Merger Sub was merged with and into Battle Mountain for aggregate consideration consisting of 1.14 million shares of our common stock and approximately \$3.4 million in cash. Immediately prior to the merger, Royal Gold owned approximately 18% of Battle Mountain's outstanding common stock and accounted for this ownership under the equity method, which resulted in the Company recognizing a loss from equity investment of approximately \$0.5 million for the three and six months ended December 31, 2007.

As part of the acquisition of Battle Mountain, we acquired thirteen royalty interests in various stages of production, development or exploration. Please refer to Note 3 for a further discussion on the thirteen royalty interests acquired from Battle Mountain.

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Subject to settlement of the Battle Mountain litigation discussed below, additional merger consideration of up to an aggregate of 37,418 shares of Royal Gold common stock or approximately \$112,000 in cash may be paid to former Battle Mountain stockholders. On September 13, 2006, an action was filed against Battle Mountain and its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Mark Kucher, by James E. McKay, a former officer and director of Battle Mountain, in the second Judicial Court of the State of Nevada. The action seeks to enforce alleged rights to certain shares of Battle Mountain common stock and options to purchase shares of Battle Mountain common stock pursuant to a stock option agreement and a stock option plan, and unspecified damages. Royal Gold may pay the additional consideration described above to Battle Mountain stockholders depending upon the cost of settling this litigation.

The acquisition of Battle Mountain has been accounted for as an asset acquisition using the purchase method of accounting, whereby assets acquired and liabilities assumed were recorded at their fair market values as of the date of acquisition. The purchase price was calculated using the fair market value of the Royal Gold common shares issued, as of the date of the announcement of the transaction, plus cash and direct acquisition costs paid by Royal Gold.

We have allocated the purchase price of approximately \$65.8 million to the fair market values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed, including \$85.5 million to royalty interests in mineral properties, \$2.2 million to current assets, \$5.8 million to intangible assets (included within *Other assets* on the consolidated balance sheets ), \$3.8 million to deferred tax assets, \$6.5 million to a gold loan payable, \$24.5 million to deferred tax liabilities resulting from the acquisition and \$0.5 million of other liabilities. The amounts allocated to the acquired royalty interests in mineral properties and related deferred taxes are preliminary and are subject to change upon completion of final valuations. The operating impact of the assets acquired from Battle Mountain have been reflected in the results of Royal Gold from October 24, 2007.

The gold loan payable assumed as part of the acquisition of Battle Mountain was paid in full during November 2007. The *Note Receivable – Battle Mountain Gold Exploration* as shown on the Company's consolidated balance sheets as of June 30, 2007, was assumed during the acquisition and was included in the purchase price for Battle Mountain.

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## 3. ROYALTY INTERESTS IN MINERAL PROPERTIES

The following table summarizes the net book value of Each of our royalty interests in mineral properties as of December 31, 2007 and June 30, 2007.

As of December 31, 2007:

|                                      | Gross       | Accumulated<br>Depletion &<br>Amortization | Net         |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|--|-------------|
| Production stage royalty interests:  |             |  |             |
| Pipeline Mining Complex              |             |  |             |
| GSR1                                 | \$ —        | \$ —                                       | \$          |
| GSR2                                 | <u> </u>    | _  | _           |
| GSR3                                 | 8,105,020   | (6,720,775)                                | 1,384,245   |
| NVR1                                 | 2,525,107   | (1,999,334)                                | 525,773     |
| Bald Mountain                        | 1,978,547   | (1,834,017)                                | 144,530     |
| SJ Claims                            | 20,788,445  | (7,945,954)                                | 12,842,491  |
| Robinson                             | 17,824,777  | (3,020,223)                                | 14,804,554  |
| Mulatos                              | 7,441,779   | (939,777)                                  | 6,502,002   |
| Troy mine GSR royalty                | 7,250,000   | (3,813,816)                                | 3,436,184   |
| Troy mine Perpetual royalty          | 250,000     | _  | 250,000     |
| Taparko mine                         |             |  |             |
| TB-GSR1                              | 25,977,472  | (729,975)                                  | 25,247,497  |
| TB-GSR2                              | 7,592,157   | (212,969)                                  | 7,379,188   |
| Leeville South                       | 1,775,808   | (1,775,808)                                | _           |
| Leeville North                       | 15,085,824  | (2,459,718)                                | 12,626,106  |
| Martha                               | 172,810     | (172,810)                                  | _           |
| Don Mario                            | 5,028,317   | (321,392)                                  | 4,706,925   |
| Williams                             | 3,977,817   | (120,254)                                  | 3,857,563   |
| El Limon                             | 2,326,372   | (103,507)                                  | 2,222,865   |
|                                      | 128,100,252 | (32,170,329)                               | 95,929,923  |
| Development stage royalty interests: |             |  |             |
| Peñasquito                           | 99,171,761  | _  | 99,171,761  |
| Taparko mine                         |             |  |             |
| TB-GSR3                              | 1,071,312   | _  | 1,071,312   |
| Pascua-Lama                          | 20,445,480  | _  | 20,445,480  |
| Gold Hill                            | 3,340,384   | _  | 3,340,384   |
| Dolores                              | 40,989,062  | _  | 40,989,062  |
| Don Mario                            | 6,487,317   | _  | 6,487,317   |
| Benso                                | 1,899,751   |  | 1,899,751   |
|                                      | 173,405,067 |  | 173,405,067 |
| Exploration stage royalty interests: |             |  |             |
| Taparko mine                         |             |  |             |
| TB-GSR3                              | 217,281     | _  | 217,281     |
| TB-MR1                               | 141,778     | _  | 141,778     |
| Pascua-Lama                          | 410,643     | _  | 410,643     |
| Leeville North                       | 1,460,439   | (271,187)                                  | 1,189,252   |
| Buckhorn South                       | 70,117      | _  | 70,117      |
| Dolores                              | 9,866,660   | _  | 9,866,660   |
| El Limon                             | 5,652,706   | _  | 5,652,706   |
| Relief Canyon                        | 1,075,365   | _  | 1,075,365   |
| Williams                             | 2,736,083   | _  | 2,736,083   |
| Seguenega                            | 2,879,666   | _  | 2,879,666   |
| Joe Mann                             | 1,000,000   | _  | 1,000,000   |
| Marmato                              | 470,002     | _  | 470,002     |
| Lluvia de Oro                        | 500,000     | _  | 500,000     |
| Fletcher Junction                    | 500,000     | _  | 500,000     |
| Night Hawk Lake                      | 1,000,000   | _  | 1,000,000   |
| Hot Pot                              | 500,000     | <u> </u>                                   | 500,000     |
| Vueltas del Rio                      | 500,000     | _  | 500,000     |
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As of June 30, 2007:

|   | Gross         | Accumulated Depletion & Amortization | Net           |
|---|---------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Production stage royalty interests:           |               |                                      |               |
| Pipeline Mining Complex                       |               |                                      |               |
| GSR1  | \$ —          | \$ —                                 | \$ —          |
| GSR2  | <u> </u>      | _                                    | _             |
| GSR3  | 8,105,020     | (6,443,575)                          | 1,661,445     |
| NVR1  | 2,525,107     | (1,978,185)                          | 546,922       |
| Bald Mountain                                 | 1,978,547     | (1,832,865)                          | 145,682       |
| SJ Claims                                     | 20,788,444    | (7,158,738)                          | 13,629,706    |
| Robinson                                      | 17,824,776    | (2,053,267)                          | 15,771,509    |
| Mulatos                                       | 7,441,779     | (663,287)                            | 6,778,492     |
| Troy mine GSR royalty                         | 7,250,000     | (3,035,551)                          | 4,214,449     |
| Troy mine Perpetual royalty                   | 250,000       | _                                    | 250,000       |
| Leeville South                                | 1,775,809     | (1,775,809)                          | _             |
| Leeville North                                | 15,085,824    | (1,472,223)                          | 13,613,601    |
| Martha  | 172,810       | (172,810)                            |               |
|   | 83,198,116    | (26,586,310)                         | 56,611,806    |
| Development stage royalty interests:          |               | ` ' '                                |               |
| Peñasquito                                    | 99,171,760    | _                                    | 99,171,760    |
| Taparko mine                                  |               |                                      |               |
| TB-GSR1                                       | 25,680,747    | _                                    | 25,680,747    |
| TB-GSR2                                       | 7,505,516     | _                                    | 7,505,516     |
| TB-GSR3                                       | 1,058,906     | _                                    | 1,058,906     |
| Pascua-Lama                                   | 20,445,480    | _                                    | 20,445,480    |
| Gold Hill                                     | 3,340,384     | _                                    | 3,340,384     |
|   | 157,202,793   |                                      | 157,202,793   |
| Exploration stage royalty interests:          | , ,           |                                      | , ,           |
| Taparko mine                                  |               |                                      |               |
| TB-GSR3                                       | 214,765       | _                                    | 214,765       |
| TB-MR1  | 140,065       | _                                    | 140,065       |
| Pascua-Lama                                   | 410,643       | _                                    | 410,643       |
| Leeville North                                | 1,460,439     | (271,187)                            | 1,189,252     |
| Buckhorn South                                | 70,117        | ` <u> </u>                           | 70,117        |
|   | 2,296,029     | (271,187)                            | 2,024,842     |
| Total royalty interests in mineral properties | \$242,696,938 | \$(26,857,497)                       | \$215,839,441 |
|   |               |                                      |               |

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Discussed below is a description of each of our royalty interests in mineral properties.

#### **Pipeline Mining Complex**

We own two sliding-scale gross smelter return ("GSR") royalties (GSR1 ranging from 0.40% to 5.0% and GSR2 ranging from 0.72% to 9.0%), a 0.71% fixed GSR royalty (GSR3), and a portion of a 1.25% net value return ("NVR") royalty (NVR1) at the Pipeline Mining Complex which includes the Pipeline, South Pipeline, Gap and Crossroads gold deposits in Lander County, Nevada. The Company owns 31.6% of the 1.25% NVR (or 0.39%) while our consolidated minority interest owns 68.4% of the 1.25% NVR.

The Pipeline Mining Complex is an open pit gold mine with heap leach and mill processing facilities owned by the Cortez Joint Venture, a joint venture between Barrick Cortez Inc., a subsidiary of Barrick Gold Corporation ("Barrick") (60%), and Kennecott Explorations (Australia) Ltd. (40%), a subsidiary of Rio Tinto plc.

#### **Bald Mountain**

We own a 1.75% to 3.5% sliding-scale net smelter return ("NSR") royalty that covers a portion of the Bald Mountain mine, in White Pine County, Nevada. Bald Mountain is an open pit, heap leach mine operated by a subsidiary of Barrick. The sliding-scale royalty increases or decreases with the gold price, adjusted by the 1986 Producer Price Index.

#### SJ Claims

We own a 0.9% NSR on the SJ Claims that covers a portion of the Betze-Post mine, in Eureka County, Nevada. Betze-Post is an open pit gold mine operated by a subsidiary of Barrick at its Goldstrike property.

#### **Robinson Mine**

We own a 3.0% NSR royalty on the Robinson mine, located in eastern Nevada. The Robinson mine is an open pit copper mine with significant gold production. The mine is owned and operated by a subsidiary of Quadra Mining Ltd.

#### **Mulatos Mine**

We own a sliding-scale NSR royalty on the Mulatos mine, located in Sonora, Mexico. The Mulatos mine, owned and operated by a subsidiary of Alamos Gold, Inc., is an open pit, heap leach gold mine. The Mulatos mine sliding-scale royalty, capped at two million ounces of gold production, ranges from 0.30% for gold prices below \$300 per ounce up to 1.50% for gold prices above \$400 per ounce.

#### **Troy Mine**

We own a production payment equivalent to a 7.0% GSR royalty from all metals and products produced and sold from the Troy underground silver and copper mine, located in northwestern Montana and operated by Revett Minerals Inc. ("Revett"). The GSR royalty will extend until either cumulative production of approximately 9.9 million ounces of silver and 84.6 million pounds of copper, or the Company receives \$10.5 million in cumulative payments, whichever occurs first. As of December 31, 2007, we have recognized royalty revenue associated with the GSR royalty totaling \$6.4 million, which is attributable to cumulative production of approximately 2.7 million ounces of silver and approximately 24.0 million pounds of copper.

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We also own a GSR royalty which begins at 6.1% on any production in excess of 11.0 million ounces of silver and 94.1 million pounds of copper and steps down to a perpetual 2.0% after cumulative production has exceeded 12.7 million ounces of silver and 108.2 million pounds of copper.

#### Taparko Mine

We hold a production payment equivalent to a 15.0% GSR (TB-GSR1) royalty on all gold produced from the Taparko open pit gold mine, located in Burkina Faso, West Africa, and operated by Societe des Mines de Taparko ("Somita"), a subsidiary of High River Gold Mines Ltd. ("High River"). TB-GSR1 will remain in effect until cumulative production of 804,420 ounces of gold is achieved or until cumulative payments of \$35 million have been made to Royal Gold, whichever is earlier. We also hold a production payment equivalent to a sliding-scale GSR royalty (TB-GSR2 ranging from 0% to 10%) on all gold produced from the Taparko mine. TB-GSR2 is effective concurrently with TB-GSR1, and will remain in effect from completion of the funding commitment until the termination of TB-GSR1. As of December 31, 2007, we have recognized royalty revenue associated with the TB-GSR1 royalty totaling \$1.5 million, which is attributable to cumulative production of 8,798 ounces of gold.

During our first fiscal quarter of 2008, High River commenced production at the Taparko mine. Accordingly, during our first fiscal quarter of 2008, we reclassified our cost basis in TB-GSR1 and TB-GSR2 from development stage royalty interests to production stage royalty interests. As such, we began depleting our cost basis using the units of production method during our first fiscal quarter of 2008.

We also hold a perpetual 2.0% GSR royalty (TB-GSR3) on all gold produced from the Taparko mine area. TB-GSR3 will commence upon termination of the TB-GSR1 and TB-GSR2 royalties. A portion of the TB-GSR3 royalty is associated with existing proven and probable reserves and has been classified as a development stage royalty interest, which is not subject to amortization at this time. The remaining portion of the TB-GSR3 royalty, which is not currently associated with proven and probable reserves, is classified as an exploration stage royalty interest, which is also not subject to amortization at this time.

In addition, we hold a 0.75% milling fee royalty (TB-MR1) on all gold processed through the Taparko mine processing facilities that is mined from any area outside of the Taparko mine area. TB-MR1 is classified as an exploration stage royalty interest and is not subject to amortization at this time.

Our royalties on the Taparko mine were subject to completion of our \$35 million funding commitment to Somita and the royalty documents for the forgoing royalties had been signed but held pending the completion of the funding commitment. We completed the remaining \$400,000 of our funding commitment on September 27, 2007. See Note 11 for further discussion.

#### **Leeville Mining Complex**

We own a 1.8% carried working interest, equal to a 1.8% NSR royalty, which covers the Leeville South and the majority of the Leeville North underground mines ("Leeville Mining Complex"), in Eureka County, Nevada. The Leeville Mining Complex is operated by a subsidiary of Newmont Mining Corporation.

We carry our interest in the non-reserve portion of Leeville North as an exploration stage royalty interest, which is not subject to amortization at this time. In the event that future proven and probable reserves associated with our royalty interest are developed at Leeville North, the cost basis of our exploration stage royalty interest will be reclassified as a development stage royalty interest or a production stage royalty interest in future periods, as appropriate. In the event that future circumstances indicate that the non-reserve portion of Leeville North will not be converted into proven and probable reserves, we will evaluate our carrying value in the exploration stage interest for impairment.

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#### Martha Mine

We own a 2.0% NSR royalty on the Martha mine located in the Santa Cruz Province of Argentina, operated by a subsidiary of Coeur d'Alene Mines Corporation. The Martha mine is a high grade underground silver mine.

#### **Don Mario**

As part of the acquisition of Battle Mountain (Note 2) on October 24, 2007, we own a 3.0% NSR royalty on the Don Mario mine which is an open-pit and underground gold mine located in the Chiquitos Province of Bolivia. The Don Mario mine is operated by Orvana Minerals Corporation. A portion of the Don Mario royalty is currently in production and is classified as a production stage royalty interest. The production stage portion of the royalty is being depleted using the units of production method. A portion of the Don Mario royalty is associated with existing proven and probable reserves and has been classified as a development stage royalty interest, which is not subject to amortization at this time. The remaining portion of the Don Mario royalty, which is not currently associated with proven and probable reserves, is classified as an exploration stage royalty interest, which is also not subject to amortization at this time.

#### Williams

As part of the acquisition of Battle Mountain (Note 2) on October 24, 2007, we own a 0.72% NSR royalty interest on the underground and open-pit Williams mine located in Marathon, Ontario, Canada. This gold mine is owned and operated by Teck Cominco Limited (50%) and a subsidiary of Barrick (50%). A portion of the Williams royalty is currently in production and is classified as a production stage royalty interest. The production stage portion of the royalty is being depleted using the units of production method. The portion of the Williams royalty which is not currently associated with proven and probable reserves is classified as an exploration stage royalty interest, and is not subject to amortization at this time.

#### El Limon

As part of the acquisition of Battle Mountain (Note 2) on October 24, 2007, we own a 3.0% NSR royalty on the underground El Limon gold mine located in northern Nicaragua. The mine is owned and operated by Central Sun Mining Inc. (95%) and Inversiones Mineras S.A. (5%). A portion of the El Limon royalty is currently in production and is classified as a production stage royalty interest. The production stage portion of the royalty is being depleted using the units of production method. The portion of the El Limon royalty which is not currently associated with proven and probable reserves is classified as an exploration stage royalty interest and is not subject to amortization at this time.

#### Peñasquito

We hold a 2.0% NSR royalty interest on the Peñasquito project located in the State of Zacatecas, Mexico. The Peñasquito project is under development by a subsidiary of Goldcorp Inc. and hosts one of the world's largest silver, gold and zinc reserves while also containing large lead reserves. We carry our interest in the proven and probable reserves at the Peñasquito project as a development stage royalty interest, which is not currently subject to amortization.

#### Pascua-Lama

We hold a sliding-scale NSR royalty on gold which is derived from certain mineral concessions at the Pascua-Lama project in Chile, which is operated by a subsidiary of Barrick. The sliding-scale NSR royalty ranges from 0.16%, when the average quarterly gold price is \$325 per ounce or less, to 1.08%, when the average quarterly gold price is \$800 per ounce or more. We also hold a 0.216% fixed rate

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copper royalty that applies to 100% of the Pascua-Lama copper reserves in Chile but does not take effect until after January 1, 2017. We carry our interest in the proven and probable reserves at the Pascua-Lama project as a development stage royalty interest, which is not currently subject to amortization.

We carry our interest in the non-reserve portion of Pascua-Lama project as an exploration stage royalty interest, which is not subject to periodic amortization. In the event that future proven and probable reserves are developed at the Pascua-Lama project associated with our royalty interest, the cost basis of our exploration stage royalty interest will be reclassified as a development stage royalty interest or a production stage royalty interest in future periods, as appropriate. In the event that future circumstances indicate that the non-reserve portion of the Pascua-Lama project will not be converted into proven and probable reserves, we will evaluate our carrying value in the exploration stage interest for impairment.

#### **Gold Hill**

We hold a sliding-scale NSR royalty on the Gold Hill deposit, located just north of the Round Mountain gold mine in Nye County, Nevada. The sliding-scale NSR royalty on the Gold Hill deposit will pay 2.0% when the price of gold is above \$350 per ounce and 1.0% when the price of gold falls to \$350 per ounce or below. The Gold Hill deposit is controlled by Round Mountain Gold Corporation, a joint venture between subsidiaries of Kinross Gold Corporation, the operator, and Barrick. We carry our interest in the Gold Hill deposit as a development stage royalty interest, which is not currently subject to amortization.

#### Dolores

As part of the acquisition of Battle Mountain (Note 2) on October 24, 2007, we own a 1.25% NSR royalty on gold and a 2.0% NSR royalty on both gold and silver from the Dolores project, located in Chihuahua, Mexico, and owned and operated by a subsidiary of Minefinders Corporation Ltd. The 2.0% NSR royalty becomes effective when the facility has been producing at 75% of its design capacity for three consecutive months. We carry our interest in the proven and probable reserves at the Dolores project as a development stage royalty interest, which is not currently subject to amortization. The remaining portion of the Dolores royalty, which is not currently associated with proven and probable reserves, is classified as an exploration stage royalty interest and is not currently subject to amortization.

#### Benso

We hold a 1.5% NSR royalty on gold produced from the Benso concession located in the Western Region of the Republic of Ghana, West Africa. The Benso concession, controlled by Golden Star, is located approximately 25 miles south of Golden Star's Wassa mine. We carry our interest in the Benso gold concession as a development stage royalty interest, which is not currently subject to amortization.

#### **Buckhorn South**

We hold a 16.5% net profits interest ("NPI") royalty on the Buckhorn South property, located in Eureka County, Nevada, and controlled by the Cortez Joint Venture. The Buckhorn South interest is classified as an exploration stage royalty interest, which is not currently subject to amortization.

#### **Relief Canyon**

As part of the acquisition of Battle Mountain (Note 2) on October 24, 2007, we own a 4.0% NSR royalty on the mineral deposit at Relief Canyon, located in Pershing County, Nevada, and owned by Firstgold Incorporated. The Relief Canyon royalty interest is classified as an exploration stage royalty interest, which is not currently subject to amortization.

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#### Seguenega

As part of the acquisition of Battle Mountain (Note 2) on October 24, 2007, we own a 3.0% NSR royalty on the Seguenega ("Sega") project, located in northern Burkina Faso, West Africa, and owned by Orezone Resources Incorporated. The Sega royalty interest is classified as an exploration stage royalty interest, which is not currently subject to amortization.

#### Joe Mann

As part of the acquisition of Battle Mountain (Note 2) on October 24, 2007, we own a 1.8% to 3.6% sliding-scale NSR royalty on gold produced from the Joe Mann mine located 550 km north of Montreal, Quebec, Canada. The Joe Mann mine currently is owned by Campbell Resources Incorporated but is subject to a memorandum of understanding for sale of the mine to Gold Bullion Development Corporation. We also hold a 2.0% NSR royalty on all silver production in excess of 1.0 million ounces and a 2.0% NSR royalty on all copper production greater than 5.0 million pounds. The Joe Mann royalty interest is classified as an exploration stage royalty interest as it is currently under care and maintenance and is not currently subject to amortization.

#### Marmato

As part of the acquisition of Battle Mountain (Note 2) on October 24, 2007, we own a 5.0% NSR royalty on the Marmato properties located in Colombia, South America, and owned by Mineros Nacionales S.A. The Marmato royalty interest is classified as an exploration stage royalty interest, which is not currently subject to amortization.

#### Lluvia de Oro

As part of the acquisition of Battle Mountain (Note 2) on October 24, 2007, we hold a 2.0% NSR royalty on the Lluvia de Oro property, located in Mexico, and owned by Tara Gold Resources and currently under option to Columbia Metals Corp. Ltd. The Lluvia de Oro royalty interest is classified as an exploration stage royalty interest, which is not currently subject to amortization.

#### Fletcher Junction and Hot Pot

As part of the acquisition of Battle Mountain (Note 2) on October 24, 2007, we hold a 1.25% NSR royalty on the Fletcher Junction property and a 1.25% NSR royalty on the Hot Pot property. Both properties are located in Mineral County, Nevada, and are owned by Pediment Gold LLC ("Pediment"). The Fletcher Junction and Hot Pot royalty interests are classified as exploration stage royalty interests, which are not currently subject to amortization.

#### **Night Hawk Lake**

As part of the acquisition of Battle Mountain (Note 2) on October 24, 2007, we hold a 2.5% NSR royalty on the Night Hawk Lake property located in Ontario, Canada, and owned by Selkirk Metals Corporation (40%), East West Resource Corporation (40%), and Canadian Golden Dragon Resources Limited (20%). The Night Hawk Lake royalty interest is classified as an exploration stage royalty interest, which is not currently subject to amortization.

#### **Vueltas Del Rio**

As part of the acquisition of Battle Mountain (Note 2) on October 24, 2007, we hold a 2.0% NSR royalty on the Vueltas Del Rio property, located in Honduras, and owned by Lundin Mining Corporation. The

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Vueltas del Rio royalty interest is classified as an exploration stage royalty interest, which is not currently subject to amortization.

#### 4. AVAILABLE FOR SALE SECURITIES

We hold 1.3 million shares of Revett common stock that are recorded as an investment in available for sale securities on the consolidated balance sheets. The market value for our investment in the shares of Revett was approximately \$1.2 million and \$1.5 million as of December 31, 2007 and June 30, 2007, respectively. Our cost basis in the Revett shares is \$1.0 million.

We hold 1,037,500 shares of common stock and 100,000 stock options in Taranis Resources Inc. ("Taranis"). The market value for our investment in Taranis' common stock and stock options was \$518,237 and \$504,820 as of December 31, 2007 and June 30, 2007, respectively. Our cost basis in the Taranis common stock and stock options is \$237,259.

#### 5. CREDIT FACILITY PAYABLE

The Company has an \$80 million credit facility with HSBC Bank USA, National Association ("HSBC Bank") that matures on December 31, 2010. The facility bears interest at LIBOR plus 1.5% and includes both affirmative and negative covenants, as defined, so long as any portion of the facility is outstanding and unpaid. The Company's borrowing base will be calculated based on our GSR1, GSR3, and NVR1 royalties at the Pipeline Mining Complex and our SJ Claims, Leeville, Bald Mountain and Robinson royalties. Additional royalties may be added to the borrowing base calculation with the lender's approval.

The Company and a wholly-owned subsidiary granted HSBC Bank security interests in the following: the Company's GSR1, GSR3, and NVR1 royalties at the Pipeline Mining Complex; the Company's SJ Claims, Leeville Mining Complex, Bald Mountain and Robinson royalties; and the Company's debt reserve account at HSBC Bank. The initial availability under the borrowing base was the full \$80 million under the credit facility. As of December 31, 2007, the total availability under the borrowing base was \$59.5 million, reflecting an updated borrowing base calculation, as defined, based upon the future cash flows from the royalties included in the borrowing base calculation. The borrowing base calculation is recalculated as of April 15 and October 15 each year.

On January 23, 2008, the Company entered into an amendment of its existing credit facility with HSBC Bank USA, National Association. The amendment extends the maturity date of the credit facility two years from December 31, 2010 to December 31, 2012. The amendment also updated the assumptions used in the calculation of the borrowing base, which included an increase in the metal price assumption of gold and added a metal price assumption for silver. As of January 23, 2008, the Company's borrowing capacity under the credit facility was the full \$80 million under the credit facility.

#### 6. NOTE PAYABLE

On March 1, 2007, Royal Gold Chile Limitada ("RGCL"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Royal Gold, entered into a \$15.75 million term loan facility bearing interest at LIBOR plus 0.25% pursuant to a Term Loan Agreement between RGCL and HSBC Bank. Pursuant to the terms of the Term Loan Agreement, Royal Gold must maintain a restricted interest-bearing securities account (the "Collateral Account") on deposit at HSBC Securities (USA) Inc. with a balance equal to or in excess of the outstanding amounts on the \$15.75 million term loan. In connection with the Term Loan Agreement, Royal Gold entered into a Guarantee (the "Guarantee") for the life of the Term Loan, for the benefit of HSBC Bank to guaranty RGCL's obligations under the Term Loan Agreement and a security agreement granting HSBC Bank a

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security interest in the Collateral Account to secure RGCL's obligations under the Term Loan Agreement and its obligations under the Guarantee. The loan will mature on March 1, 2012.

The \$15.75 million balance in the Collateral Account as of December 31, 2007, is recorded as *Restricted cash – compensating balance* on the Company's consolidated balance sheets. RGCL's \$15.75 million principal obligation under the Term Loan Agreement is recorded as *Note payable* on the Company's consolidated balance sheets.

#### 7. STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY AND STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

#### 2004 Omnibus Long-Term Incentive Plan

In November 2004, the Company adopted an Omnibus Long-Term Incentive Plan ("2004 Plan"). The 2004 Plan replaced the Company's Equity Incentive Plan. Under the 2004 Plan, 900,000 shares of Common Stock are available for future grants to officers, directors, key employees and other persons. The Plan provides for the grant of stock options, unrestricted stock, restricted stock, dividend equivalent rights, stock appreciation rights, and cash awards. Any of these awards may, but need not, be made as performance incentives. Stock options granted under the 2004 Plan may be non-qualified stock options or incentive stock options.

For the three and six months ended December 31, 2007, we recorded total non-cash stock compensation expense related to our equity compensation plans of \$879,551 and \$1,418,172, respectively, compared to \$634,870 and \$1,047,709 for the three and six months ended December 31, 2006, respectively. Non-cash stock compensation is allocated among cost of operations, general and administrative, and exploration and business development in our consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income as summarized below:

|                                      | For The Three        | Months Ended         | For The Six Months Ended |                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|--|
|                                      | December 31,<br>2007 | December 31,<br>2006 | December 31,<br>2007     | December 31,<br>2006 |  |
| Non-cash compensation allocation:    |                      |                      |                          |                      |  |
| Cost of operations                   | \$ 87,492            | \$ 71,097            | \$ 158,257               | \$ 128,526           |  |
| General and administrative           | 545,711              | 462,352              | 808,785                  | 695,782              |  |
| Exploration and business development | 246,348              | 101,421              | 451,130                  | 223,401              |  |
| Total non-cash compensation expense  | \$ 879,551           | \$ 634,870           | \$1,418,172              | \$1,047,709          |  |

The total income tax benefit associated with non-cash stock compensation expense was approximately \$320,000 and \$514,000 for the three and six months ended December 31, 2007, respectively, compared to approximately \$327,000 and \$476,000 for the three and six months ended December 31, 2006, respectively.

As of December 31, 2007 there are 70,567 shares of common stock reserved for future issuance under our 2004 Plan.

#### **Stock Options**

Stock option awards are granted with an exercise price equal to the closing market price of the Company's common stock at the date of grant. Stock option awards granted to officers, key employees and other persons vest based on one to three years of continuous service. Any stock option awards that

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are granted to directors vest immediately with respect to 50% of the shares granted and after one year with respect to the remaining 50% granted. Stock option awards have 10 year contractual terms.

To determine non-cash stock compensation expense for stock option awards, the fair value of each stock option award is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes-Merton ("Black-Scholes") option pricing model for all periods presented. The Black-Scholes model requires key assumptions in order to determine fair value and those key assumptions as of our November 2007 and November 2006 grants are noted in the following table:

|  | 2007   | 2006   |
|--|--------|--------|
| Weighted average expected volatility           | 47.75% | 52.88% |
| Weighted average expected option term in years | 5.0    | 5.1    |
| Weighted average dividend yield                | 0.91%  | 0.93%  |
| Weighted average risk free interest rate       | 3.92%  | 4.63%  |

On November 7, 2007, 110,500 stock options under the 2004 Plan were granted to officers and certain employees under the 2004 Plan. These options have an exercise price of \$29.75, which was the closing market price for our common stock on the date of grant.

A summary of stock option activity under our 2004 Plan for the six months ended December 31, 2007, is presented below:

|                                  |          | Weighted-<br>Average<br>Exercise | Weighted-<br>Average<br>Remaining<br>Contractual<br>Term | Aggregate<br>Intrinsic |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|--|------------------------|
| Options                          | Shares   | Price                            | (Years)  | Value                  |
| Outstanding at July 1, 2007      | 579,214  | \$ 17.57                         |  |                        |
| Granted                          | 110,500  | 29.75                            |  |                        |
| Exercised                        | (36,250) | 11.73                            |  |                        |
| Forfeited and Expired            | (1,250)  | 29.20                            |  |                        |
| Outstanding at December 31, 2007 | 652,214  | \$ 19.94                         | 6.7  | \$6,903,598            |
| Exercisable at December 31, 2007 | 502,447  | \$ 17.24                         | 4.5  | \$6,674,447            |

The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the three and six month periods ended December 31, 2007, was \$763,398. The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the three and six month periods ended December 31, 2006 was \$292,900.

A summary of the status of the Company's non-vested stock options for the six months ended December 31, 2007, is presented below:

|                                 | Shares   | Weighted-Average<br>Grant Date Fair Value |
|---------------------------------|----------|---|
| Non-vested at July 1, 2007      | 138,434  | \$13.00                                   |
| Granted                         | 110,500  | \$12.82                                   |
| Vested                          | (97,917) | \$12.40                                   |
| Forfeited                       | (1,250)  | \$13.94                                   |
| Non-vested at December 31, 2007 | 149,767  | \$13.25                                   |

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For the three months ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, we recorded non-cash stock compensation expense associated with stock options of \$319,590 and \$290,746, respectively. For the six months ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, we recorded non-cash compensation associated with stock options of \$629,932 and \$529,668, respectively. As of December 31, 2007, there was \$1,733,408 of total unrecognized non-cash stock compensation expense related to non-vested stock options granted under our equity compensation plans, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.6 years. The total fair value of shares vested during the three months ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, was \$1,261,418 and \$1,059,748, respectively. The total fair value of shares vested during the six months ended December 31, 2007, and 2006 was \$1,261,418 and \$1,059,748, respectively.

#### Other Stock-based Compensation

As defined in the 2004 Plan, officers and certain employees may be granted shares of restricted common stock that can be earned only if defined multi-year performance goals are met within five years of the date of grant ("Performance Shares"). If the performance goals are not earned by the end of this five year period, the Performance Shares will be forfeited. Vesting of Performance Shares is subject to certain performance measures being met and can be based on interim earn outs of 25%, 50%, 75% or 100%. The defined performance goals are tied to two different performance measures: (1) growth of free cash flow per share on a trailing twelve month basis; and (2) growth of royalty ounces in reserve on an annual basis. Performance Shares are settled with shares of the Company's common stock once they are earned.

On November 7, 2007, officers and certain employees were granted 48,000 Performance Shares that can be earned only if either one of two defined multi-year performance goals is met within five years of the date of grant.

A summary of the status of the Company's non-vested Performance Shares for the six months ended December 31, 2007, is presented below:

|                                 | Shares   | Weighted-Average<br>Grant Date Fair Value |
|---------------------------------|----------|---|
| Non-vested at July 1, 2007      | 27,000   | \$28.78                                   |
| Granted                         | 48,000   | \$29.75                                   |
| Vested                          | (9,000)  | \$28.78                                   |
| Forfeited                       | <u>_</u> | \$ —                                      |
| Non-vested at December 31, 2007 | 66,000   | \$29.49                                   |

We measure the fair value of the Performance Shares based upon the market price of our common stock as of the date of grant. At such time that it is probable that a performance condition will be achieved, compensation expense will be measured by the number of shares that will ultimately be earned based on the grant date market price of our common stock. Interim recognition of compensation expense will be made at such time as management can reasonably estimate the number of shares that will be earned. As of December 31, 2007, our estimates indicated that it is probable that 55% of our non-vested Performance Shares will be earned by December 31, 2008. For the three and six months ended December 31, 2007, we recorded non-cash stock compensation expense associated with our Performance Shares of \$134,804 and \$236,109, respectively. For the three and six months ended December 31, 2006, we recorded non-cash stock compensation expense associated with our Performance Shares of \$192,765 and \$281,944, respectively. As of December 31, 2007, total unrecognized non-cash stock compensation expense related to our Performance Shares was \$511,495.

As defined in the 2004 Plan, officers, non-executive directors and certain employees may be granted shares of restricted stock that vest on continued service alone ("Restricted Stock"). On November 7, 2007, officers and certain employees were granted 72,500 shares of Restricted Stock.

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Restricted Stock awards granted to officers and certain employees vest over three years beginning after a three-year holding period from the date of grant with one-third of the shares vesting in years four, five and six, respectively. Also on November 7, 2007, our non-executive directors were granted 15,000 shares of Restricted Stock. The non-executive directors' shares of Restricted Stock vest as to 50% immediately and 50% one year after the date of grant. Shares of Restricted Stock represent issued and outstanding shares of common stock, with dividend and voting rights. We measure the fair value of the Restricted Stock based upon the market price of our common stock as of the date of grant. Restricted Stock is amortized over the applicable vesting period using the straight-line method. Unvested shares of Restricted Stock are subject to forfeiture upon termination of employment with the Company.

A summary of the status of the Company's non-vested Restricted Stock for the six months ended December 31, 2007, is presented below:

|                                 |          | Weighted-Average      |
|---------------------------------|----------|-----------------------|
|                                 | Shares   | Grant Date Fair Value |
| Non-vested at July 1, 2007      | 117,000  | \$24.73               |
| Granted                         | 87,500   | \$29.75               |
| Vested                          | (10,625) | \$29.59               |
| Forfeited                       | (625)    | \$29.20               |
| Non-vested at December 31, 2007 | 193,250  | \$26.72               |

For the three months ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, we recorded non-cash stock compensation expense associated with the Restricted Stock of \$435,867 and \$151,359, respectively. For the six months ended December 31, 2007, and 2006, we recorded non-cash stock compensation expense associated with the Restricted Stock of \$562,841 and \$236,097, respectively. As of December 31, 2007, total unrecognized non-cash stock compensation expense related to Restricted Stock was \$4,281,458, which is expected to be recognized over a remaining average vesting period of 4.5 years.

#### Stock Issuances

On September 4, 2007, we issued 216,642 shares of our common stock to IAMGOLD Corporation ("IAMGOLD") and Repadre International Corporation ("Repadre") in connection with our acquisition from IAMGOLD and Repadre of all of their issued and outstanding shares of Battle Mountain common stock. We had the option to acquire the shares of Battle Mountain common stock from IAMGOLD and Repadre pursuant to an option and support agreement we entered into with IAMGOLD in connection with the merger with Battle Mountain.

On October 24, 2007, we issued 1,144,025 shares of our common stock to Battle Mountain shareholders as part of the Company's acquisition of 100% of the issued and outstanding shares of Battle Mountain. Refer to Note 2 for further discussion regarding the acquisition of Battle Mountain.

During the six months ended December 31, 2007, options to purchase 36,250 shares were exercised, resulting in proceeds of \$425,291. There were no options exercised during the three months ended December 31, 2007. During the three and six months ended December 31, 2006, options to purchase 20,000 shares were exercised, resulting in proceeds of \$282,501.

#### 8. MANDATORY CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCK

On November 9, 2007, the Company completed an offering of 1,150,000 shares of 7.25% mandatory convertible preferred stock (the "Preferred Stock") at a price to the public of \$100.00 per share, less underwriter discounts and other related expenses, resulting in net proceeds of \$111.1 million. Dividends

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on the Preferred Stock will be payable on a cumulative basis when, as and if declared by our board of directors at an annual rate of 7.25% per share on the liquidation preference of \$100 per share. We will pay dividends, at the Company's discretion, in cash, common stock or a combination thereof, on February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15 of each year to and including November 15, 2010, commencing on February 15, 2008. On January 10, 2008, the Company's board of directors declared the regular quarterly dividend for the first dividend period of \$1.9333 per share of the Preferred Stock. The dividend is payable on February 15, 2008, to preferred shareholders of record at the close of business on February 1, 2008. The preferred dividend will be paid in cash.

Each share of the Preferred Stock will automatically convert on November 15, 2010, into between 2.8335 and 3.4002 shares of our common stock, subject to anti-dilution adjustments. At any time prior to November 15, 2010, holders may elect to convert each share of the Preferred Stock into shares of our common stock at the minimum conversion rate of 2.8335 shares of common stock per share of the Preferred Stock, subject to anti-dilution adjustments. At any time prior to May 15, 2008, we may, at our option, cause the conversion of all, but not less than all, of the Preferred Stock into shares of our common stock at the provisional conversion rate described within the Preferred Stock offering. However, we may not elect to exercise our provisional conversion right if, on or prior to May 15, 2008, we have a completed a material transaction involving the acquisition of assets or a business with a purchase price of \$100 million or more.

On January 25, 2008, the Company announced that it has exercised its provisional conversion right for all of the issued and outstanding shares of its Preferred Stock. Each share of the Preferred Stock will be converted into shares of our common stock on March 10, 2008 (the "Conversion Date"), based on the average closing price per common share on the Nasdaq Global Select Market over the 20 consecutive trading day period ending on March 5, 2008, as provided in the Certificate of Designations of the Preferred Stock. In connection with the conversion, all accrued and unpaid dividends on the Preferred Stock up to the Conversion Date will be payable at \$0.5035 per share of Preferred Stock and will be paid in cash to holders of record on the Conversion Date. The Company anticipates applying a contingent beneficial conversion feature model to account for the provisional conversion of the Preferred Stock during its third fiscal quarter of 2008.

#### 9. EARNINGS PER SHARE ("EPS") COMPUTATION

|  | For The Three Months Ended December 31, 2007 |               | 31, 2007  |
|--|--|---------------|-----------|
|  | Income                                       | Shares        | Per-Share |
|  | (Numerator)                                  | (Denominator) | Amount    |
| Net income   | \$ 5,065,246                                 |               |           |
|  |  |               |           |
| Preferred dividends  | (1,204,306)                                  |               |           |
| Net income available to common stockholders for basic earnings per share | \$ 3,860,940                                 | 29,777,468    | \$ 0.13   |
|  |  |               |           |
| Effect of other dilutive securities                                      |  | 346,831       |           |
|  | ·  |               |           |
| Adjusted diluted EPS   | \$ 3,860,940                                 | 30,124,299    | \$ 0.13   |
|  |  |               |           |

For the three months ended December 31, 2007, 1,600 stock-based compensation awards, at a weighted average purchase price of \$32.40 per share, were outstanding at December 31, 2007, but were not included in the computation of diluted EPS because the exercise price of these awards was greater than the average market price of our common stock for the period. For the three months ended

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December 31, 2007, 2,129,725 weighted shares of common stock into which the Preferred Stock could be converted were not included in the computation of diluted EPS as the result would be antidilutive.

|   | For The Three | For The Three Months Ended December 31, 2006 |           |
|---|---------------|--|-----------|
|   | Income        | Shares                                       | Per-Share |
|   | (Numerator)   | (Denominator)                                | Amount    |
| Basic EPS                               |               |  |           |
| Income available to common stockholders | \$5,635,652   | 23,604,576                                   | \$ 0.24   |
| Effect of dilutive securities           |               | 330,171                                      |           |
| Diluted EPS                             | \$5,635,652   | 23,934,747                                   | \$ 0.24   |

For the three months ended December 31, 2007, all outstanding stock-based compensation awards were included in the computation of diluted EPS because the exercise price of the awards was less than the average market price of our common stock for the period.

|   | For The Six Months Ended December 31, 2007 |               | 31, 2007  |
|---|--|---------------|-----------|
|   | Income Shares F                            |               | Per-Share |
|   | (Numerator)                                | (Denominator) | Amount    |
| Net income                              | \$10,827,566                               |               |           |
|   | (4.504.50.1)                               |               |           |
| Preferred dividends                     | (1,204,306)                                |               |           |
| Income available to common stockholders | \$ 9,623,260                               | 29,253,504    | \$ 0.33   |
|   |  |               |           |
| Effect of other dilutive securities     |  | 202,095       |           |
|   |  |               |           |
| Adjusted diluted EPS                    | \$ 9,623,260                               | 29,455,599    | \$ 0.33   |
|   |  |               |           |

For the six months ended December 31, 2007, 240,100 stock-based compensation awards, at a weighted average purchase price of \$29.77 per share, were outstanding at December 31, 2007, but were not included in the computation of diluted EPS because the exercise price of these awards was greater than the average market price of our common stock for the period. For the six months ended December 31, 2007, 1,064,863 weighted shares of common stock into which the Preferred Stock could be converted were not included in the computation of diluted EPS as the result would be antidilutive.

|   | For The Six M | For The Six Months Ended December 31, 2006 |         |
|---|---------------|--|---------|
|   | Income        | Income Shares P                            |         |
|   | (Numerator)   | (Denominator)                              | Amount  |
| Basic EPS                               |               |  |         |
| Income available to common stockholders | \$10,595,789  | 23,590,292                                 | \$ 0.45 |
| Effect of dilutive securities           |               | 316,302                                    |         |
| Diluted EPS                             | \$10,595,789  | 23,906,594                                 | \$ 0.44 |

For the six months ended December 31, 2006, all outstanding stock-based compensation awards were included in the computation of diluted EPS because the exercise price of the awards was less than the average market price of our common stock for the period.

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#### 10. INCOME TAXES

|                             | Three Months Ended          | December 31,               |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
|                             | 2007                        | 2006                       |
| Current income tax expense  | \$(2,910,888)               | \$(3,269,129)              |
| Deferred income tax benefit | 485,687                     | 718,556                    |
| Income tax expense reported | \$(2,425,201)               | \$(2,550,573)              |
| Effective tax rate          | 32.4%  Six Months Endo 2007 | 31.2% ed December 31, 2006 |
| Current income tax expense  | \$(6,174,836)               | \$(5,920,073)              |
| Deferred income tax benefit | 900,342                     | 961,902                    |
| Income tax expense reported | \$(5,274,494)               | \$(4,958,171)              |
| Effective tax rate          | 32.8%                       | 31.9%                      |

The Company adopted the provisions of FIN 48 on July 1, 2007, with no impact on its financial statements. As a result of the acquisition of Battle Mountain on October 24, 2007, the Company recorded a liability for unrecognized tax benefits of approximately \$0.4 million. The liability for unrecognized tax benefits is reflected within *Other long-term liabilities* on the Company's consolidated balance sheets.

The material income tax returns the Company files are the U.S. federal income tax return, which has a three year statute of limitations, and the Colorado state income tax return, which has a four year statute of limitations. The U.S. federal return for tax years ended on or after June 30, 2004, and the Colorado state return for tax years ended on or after June 30, 2003, are subject to examination by the relevant taxing authority.

Interest and penalties associated with the liability for unrecognized tax benefits is approximately \$47,000 at December 31, 2007, and is included in *Other long-term liabilities* on the Company's consolidated balance sheets.

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#### 11. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

#### **Taranis**

On November 4, 2005, we entered into a strategic alliance with Taranis for exploration on the Kettukuusikko project located in Finland. During our fiscal year 2006, we funded exploration totaling \$500,000 in return for a 2.0% NSR royalty. We also have an option to fund up to an additional \$600,000. The Company elected to exercise this option in April 2006. If we fund the entire additional amount, we will earn a 51% joint venture interest in the Kettukuusikko project, and we will release our 2.0% NSR royalty. In the event that Royal Gold does not fully fund the \$600,000 to earn the joint venture interest, we would retain our 2.0% NSR royalty. As of December 31, 2007, we had funded \$506,404 of the additional \$600,000 option, which had been expensed during our fiscal year ended June 30, 2007.

#### Revett

Under the terms of the Revett purchase agreement relating to the Troy mine, the Company has the right, but not the obligation, to cure any default by Revett under their obligations pursuant to an existing mortgage payable, secured by a promissory note, to Kennecott Montana Company, a third party and prior joint venture interest owner of the Troy mine. If the Company elects to exercise its right, it would have the subsequent right to reimbursement from Revett for any amounts disbursed in curing such defaults. The principal and accrued interest under the promissory note owed to Kennecott Montana Company as of December 31, 2007, was approximately \$6.2 million with a maturity date of February 2008.

#### Casmalia

On March 24, 2000, the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") notified Royal Gold and 92 other entities that they were considered potentially responsible parties ("PRPs") under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("Superfund"), at the Casmalia Resources Hazardous Waste Disposal Site (the "Site") in Santa Barbara County, California. EPA's allegation that Royal Gold was a PRP was based on the disposal of allegedly hazardous petroleum exploration wastes at the Site by Royal Gold's predecessor, Royal Resources, Inc., during 1983 and 1984.

After extensive negotiations, on September 23, 2002, Royal Gold, along with 35 members of the PRP group targeted by EPA, entered into a Partial Consent Decree with the United States of America intending to settle their liability for the United States of America's past and future clean-up costs incurred at the Site. Based on the minimal volume of allegedly hazardous waste that Royal Resources, Inc. disposed of at the Site, our share of the \$25.3 million settlement amount was \$107,858, which we deposited into the escrow account that the PRP group set up for that purpose in January 2002. The funds were paid to the United States of America on May 9, 2003. The United States of America may only pursue Royal Gold and the other PRPs for additional clean-up costs if the United States of America's total clean-up costs at the Site significantly exceed the expected cost of approximately \$272 million. We believe our potential liability with the United States of America to be a remote possibility.

At present, Royal Gold is considering entering into a de minimis settlement with the State of California. The date for accepting a settlement was extended indefinitely by the State of California pending preparation of settlement documentation by the State. Such settlement will result in a final conclusion regarding the Company's responsibility to address the Casmalia Site matter.

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#### 12. RELATED PARTY

Crescent Valley Partners, L.P. ("CVP") was formed as a limited partnership in April 1992. It owns a 1.25% net value royalty on production of minerals from a portion of the Pipeline Mining Complex. Denver Mining Finance Company, our wholly-owned subsidiary, is the general partner and holds a 2.0% interest in CVP. In addition, Royal Gold holds a 29.6% limited partner interest in the partnership, while our Executive Chairman, the Chairman of our Audit Committee, and one other member of our board of directors hold an aggregate 35.56% limited partner interest. The general partner performs administrative services for CVP in receiving and processing the royalty payments received from the operator including the disbursement of royalty payments and record keeping for in-kind distributions to the limited partners, including our directors and Executive Chairman.

CVP receives its royalty from the Cortez Joint Venture in-kind. The Company, as well as certain other limited partners, sells its pro-rata share of such gold immediately and receives distributions in cash, while CVP holds gold for certain other limited partners. Such gold inventories, which totaled 27,434 ounces of gold as of December 31, 2007, are held by a third party refinery in Utah for the account of the limited partners of CVP. The inventories are carried at historical cost and are classified as *Inventory – restricted* on the consolidated balance sheets. The carrying value of the gold in inventory was \$10,880,927 as of December 31, 2007, while the fair value of such ounces was \$22,948,541 as of December 31, 2007. None of the gold currently held in inventory as of December 31, 2007, is attributed to Royal Gold, as the gold allocated to Royal Gold is typically sold within five days of receipt.

#### 13. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

#### Preferred Stock Quarterly Dividend

As discussed in Note 8, on January 10, 2008, the Company's board of directors declared the regular quarterly dividend for the first dividend period of \$1.9333 per share of the Preferred Stock. The dividend is payable on February 15, 2008, to preferred shareholders of record at the close of business on February 1, 2008. The Preferred Stock dividend will be paid in cash.

#### Credit Facility Amendment

On January 23, 2008, the Company and HSBC Bank entered into an amendment to the credit facility that, among other provisions, extended the term of the facility to December 31, 2012, and increased the availability under the borrowing base of the credit facility to \$80 million as of January 23, 2008. Please see Note 5 for further discussion.

#### Marigold and El Chanate Royalty Acquisitions

On January 24, 2008, we entered into an agreement to acquire three royalties from AngloGold Ashanti (USA) Exploration Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Anglo Gold Ashanti North America, for \$13.75 million. The first royalty is a 2.0% NSR royalty on the Marigold mine, located on the Battle Mountain-Eureka trend in Nevada, and operated by Goldcorp. The other two royalties are a 2.0-4.0% sliding-scale NSR royalty and a 10.0% NPI royalty, each on the El Chanate mine, located in Sonora, Mexico and operated by Capital Gold, Inc. The acquisition is subject to customary due diligence and is expected to close by the end of the first calendar quarter of 2008.

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#### Preferred Stock Provisional Conversion

On January 25, 2008, the Company exercised its provisional conversion right to convert all of the issued and outstanding shares of its Preferred Stock into common stock. Please see Note 8 for further discussion.

#### Stock Repurchase Program

Also on January 25, 2008, the Company announced that its board of directors authorized the repurchase of up to \$30 million of its common stock in the open market from time to time until March 31, 2008. The timing and number of shares to be repurchased will depend on market conditions and other corporate considerations.

#### ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

#### General

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations ("MD&A") is intended to provide information to assist you in better understanding and evaluating our financial condition and results of operations. We recommend that you read this MD&A in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements included in Item 1 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as well as our 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

This MD&A contains forward-looking information. You should review our important note about forward-looking statements following this MD&A.

We refer to "GSR," "NSR", and other types of royalty interests throughout this MD&A. These terms are defined in our 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

#### Overview

Royal Gold, together with its subsidiaries, is engaged in the business of acquiring and managing precious metals royalties. Royalties are passive (non-operating) interests in mining projects that provide the right to revenue or production from the project after deducting specified costs, if any.

We seek to acquire existing royalties or to finance projects that are in production or near production in exchange for royalty interests. We are engaged in a continual review of opportunities to acquire existing royalties, to create new royalties through the financing of mine development or exploration, or to acquire companies that hold royalties. We currently, and generally at any time, have acquisition opportunities in various stages of active review, including, for example, our engagement of consultants and advisors to analyze particular opportunities, analysis of technical, financial and other confidential information, submission of indications of interest, participation in preliminary discussions and involvement as a bidder in competitive auctions. We also fund exploration on properties thought to contain precious metals and seek to obtain royalties and other carried ownership interests in such properties through the subsequent transfer of operating interests to other mining companies. Substantially all of our revenues are and will be expected to be derived from royalty interests. We do not conduct mining operations at this time. During the quarter ended December 31, 2007, we focused on the management of our existing royalty interests, the acquisition of royalty interests, and the creation of royalty interests through financing and strategic exploration alliances.

Our financial results are primarily tied to the price of gold and other metals, as well as production from our royalty properties. For the quarter ended December 31, 2007, the price of gold averaged \$786 per ounce compared with an average price of \$614 per ounce for the quarter ended December 31, 2006. The increase in the average gold price, the continued ramp-up of gold production at the Taparko mine and production from the recently acquired Battle Mountain Gold Exploration Corp. ("Battle Mountain") royalties, contributed to royalty revenue of \$15.4 million during the quarter ended December 31, 2007, compared to royalty revenue of \$12.9 million during the quarter ended December 31, 2006.

#### **Our Producing Royalty Interests**

Our principal producing royalty interests are shown in the following table:

| Mine  | Location                          | Operator   | Royalty (Gold unless otherwise stated)  |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| Pipeline Mining Complex   | Lander County, NV                 | Barrick Gold<br>Corporation<br>("Barrick")           | GSR1: 0.40%-5.0% sliding-<br>scale GSR<br>GSR2: 0.72%-9.0% sliding-<br>scale GSR,<br>GSR3: 0.71% GSR<br>NVR1 (1): 0.39% NVR |
| Robinson  | White Pine, NV                    | Quadra Mining Ltd. ("Quadra")                        | 3.0% NSR (copper, gold, silver, molybdenum)   |
| SJ Claims – Goldstrike  | Eureka County, NV                 | Barrick  | 0.9% NSR  |
| Troy  | Lincoln County, MT                | Revett Minerals, Inc. ("Revett")                     | 7.0% GSR (silver and copper)  |
| Leeville Mining Complex<br>(Leeville North and Leeville<br>South) | Eureka County, NV                 | Newmont Mining<br>Corporation<br>("Newmont")         | 1.8% NSR  |
| Taparko   | Burkina Faso, West<br>Africa      | High River Gold Mines Ltd. ("High River")            | 15% GSR (TB-GSR1) and a 0%-10% sliding-scale GSR (TB-GSR2)  |
| Bald Mountain   | White Pine County, NV             | Barrick  | 1.75%-3.5% sliding-scale NSR  |
| Mulatos   | Sonora, Mexico                    | Alamos Gold, Inc. ("Alamos")                         | 0.30%-1.5% sliding-scale NSR  |
| Martha  | Santa Cruz Province,<br>Argentina | Coeur d'Alene Mines<br>Corporation ("Coeur d'Alene") | 2.0% NSR (silver)   |
| Don Mario (2)   | Chiquitos Province,<br>Bolivia    | Orvana Minerals Corp. ("Orvana")                     | 3.0% NSR  |
| Williams (2)  | Marathon, Ontario                 | Teck Cominco Limited<br>("Teck") /Barrick            | 0.72% NSR   |
| El Limon (2)  | El Limon, Nicaragua               | Central Sun Mining, Inc. ("Central Sun")             | 3.0% NSR  |

<sup>(1)</sup> The NVR1 royalty is a 1.25% NVR royalty. The Company owns 31.6% of the 1.25% NVR (or 0.39%), while our consolidated minority interest owns the remaining portion of the 1.25% NVR.

<sup>(2)</sup> Royalty was acquired on October 24, 2007, as part of the acquisition of Battle Mountain. Please refer to "Recent Developments – Acquisition of Battle Mountain Gold Exploration Corp." within this MD&A for further discussion.

#### **Our Development Stage Royalty Interests**

We also own the following royalty interests that are in the development stage and are not currently in production:

| Mine          | Location                          | Operator                                      | Royalty<br>(Gold unless otherwise stated)   |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| Taparko       | Burkina Faso                      | High River                                    | 2.0% GSR (TB-GSR3)  |
| Peñasquito    | Zacatecas, Mexico                 | Goldcorp Inc. ("Goldcorp")                    | 2.0% NSR (also covers silver, lead and zinc)  |
| Pascua-Lama   | Region III, Chile                 | Barrick                                       | 0.16%-1.08% sliding-scale NSR   |
| Gold Hill     | Nye County, NV                    | Kinross Gold Corporation                      | 1.0%-2.0% sliding-scale NSR   |
| Dolores (1)   | Chihuahua, Mexico                 | Minefinders Corporation, Ltd. ("Minefinders") | 1.25 % NSR<br>2.0 % NSR (gold and silver) (when<br>commercial production has been producing at<br>75% of its design capacity for three<br>consecutive months) |
| Don Mario (1) | Chiquitos Province,<br>Bolivia    | Orvana  | 3.0% NSR  |
| Benso (2)     | Republic of Ghana, West<br>Africa | Golden Star Resources Ltd. ("Golden Star")    | 1.5% NSR  |

<sup>(1)</sup> Royalty was acquired on October 24, 2007, as part of the acquisition of Battle Mountain. Please refer to "Recent Developments – Acquisition of Battle Gold Exploration Corp." within this MD&A for further discussion.

<sup>(2)</sup> Royalty was acquired on October 31, 2007. Please refer to "Recent Development – Acquisition of Benso Royalty" within this MD&A for further discussion.

#### **Our Exploration Stage Royalty Interests**

In addition, we own royalty interests in the following exploration stage projects. None of these exploration stage projects contains proven and probable reserves as of December 31, 2007.

| Property               | Location                     | Royalty                           | Controlled By   |
|------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Santa Cruz Province    | Argentina                    | 2.0% NSR                          | Hidefield Gold PLC  |
| Long Valley            | California                   | 1.0% NSR                          | Vista Gold Corporation  |
| Night Hawk Lake (1)    | Canada                       | 2.5% NSR                          | Selkirk Metals Corporation (40%),<br>East West Resource Corporation<br>(40%), Canadian Golden Dragon<br>Resources Limited (20%) |
| Joe Mann (1)           | Canada                       | 1.8% to 3.6% sliding-scale<br>NSR | Campbell Resources Incorporated   |
| Seguenega ("Sega") (1) | Burkina Faso, West<br>Africa | 3.0% NSR                          | Orezone Resources Inc.  |
| Marmato Properties (1) | Colombia                     | 5.0% NSR                          | Mineros Nacionales S.A.   |
| Kettukuusikko          | Finland                      | 2.0% NSR                          | Taranis Resources, Inc.   |
| Vueltas del Oro (1)    | Honduras                     | 2.0% NSR                          | Lundin  |
| Lluvio de Oro (1)      | Mexico                       | 2.0% NSR                          | Tara Gold Resources   |
| Rock Creek             | Montana                      | 1.0% NSR                          | Revett  |
| Mule Canyon            | Nevada                       | 5.0% NSR                          | Newmont   |
| Buckhorn South         | Nevada                       | 16.5% Net Profits Interest        | Cortez JV   |
| Ferris/Cooks Creek     | Nevada                       | 1.5% NVR                          | Cortez JV   |
| Horse Mountain         | Nevada                       | 0.2% NVR                          | Cortez JV   |
| Simon Creek            | Nevada                       | 1.0% NSR                          | Barrick   |
| Rye                    | Nevada                       | 0.5% NSR                          | Barrick   |
| BSC                    | Nevada                       | 2.5% NSR                          | Nevada Pacific Gold   |
| ICBM                   | Nevada                       | 0.75% NSR                         | BH Minerals USA, Inc.   |
| Long Peak              | Nevada                       | 0.75% NSR                         | BH Minerals USA, Inc.   |
| Dixie Flats            | Nevada                       | 0.75% NSR                         | BH Minerals USA, Inc.   |
| Relief Canyon (1)      | Nevada                       | 4.0% NSR                          | Firstgold Incorporated  |
| Fletcher Junction (1)  | Nevada                       | 1.25% NSR                         | Pediment Gold LLC   |
| Hot Pot (1)            | Nevada                       | 1.25% NSR                         | Pediment Gold LLC   |
| Svetloye               | Russia                       | 1.0% NSR                          | Fortress Minerals Corporation   |
|                        |                              |                                   |   |

<sup>(1)</sup> Royalty was acquired on October 24, 2007, as part of the acquisition of Battle Mountain. Please refer to "Recent Developments – Acquisition of Battle Gold Exploration Corp." within this MD&A for further discussion.

## Operators' Production Estimates by Royalty for Calendar 2007

The following table shows production estimates received from the operators of our producing mines during the first quarter of calendar 2007 and the reported production attributable to our royalty interests for calendar year 2007. The estimates and production reports are prepared by

the operators of the mining properties. We do not participate in the preparation or verification of the operators' estimates or production reports and have not independently assessed or verified the accuracy of such information. We do not currently have estimates for the Battle Mountain properties acquired, as discussed above, for calendar 2007. The Company is working with the operators of the acquired Battle Mountain properties to obtain estimates for calendar year 2008.

Operators' Production Estimate by Royalty for Calendar 2007 and Reported Production for the period January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007

|                |               | (      | Calendar 2007 Operator's   | Reported<br>Production through |
|----------------|---------------|--------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Royalty        | Operator      | Metal  | Production Estimate        | December 31, 2007 (1)          |
| Pipeline GSR1  | Barrick       | Gold   | 478,543 oz.                | 497,876 oz.                    |
| Pipeline GSR2  | Barrick       | Gold   | 12,762 oz.                 | 23,037 oz.                     |
| Pipeline GSR3  | Barrick       | Gold   | 491,305 oz.                | 520,913 oz.                    |
| Pipeline NVR1  | Barrick       | Gold   | 264,843 oz.                | 190,358 oz.                    |
| Robinson (2,3) | Quadra        | Gold   | 90,000 oz.                 | 108,002 oz.                    |
| SJ Claims      | Barrick       | Gold   | 799,160 oz.                | 895,878 oz.                    |
| Leeville       | Newmont       | Gold   | 337,000 oz.                | 245,492 oz.                    |
| Taparko        | High River    | Gold   | (4)                        | 8,798 oz.                      |
| Bald Mountain  | Barrick       | Gold   | 90,811 oz.                 | 78,952 oz.                     |
| Mulatos        | Alamos        | Gold   | 150,397 <sup>(5)</sup> oz. | 109,305 oz.                    |
| Troy (2)       | Revett        | Silver | 2.0 million oz.            | 1.0 million oz.                |
| Martha (6)     | Coeur d'Alene | Silver | 2.7 million oz.            | 2.9 million oz.                |
| Troy (2)       | Revett        | Copper | 15.9 million lbs.          | 9.2 million lbs.               |
| Robinson (2)   | Quadra        | Copper | 136.3 million lbs.         | 134.3 million lbs.             |

<sup>(1)</sup> Reported production relates to the amount of metal sales, subject to our royalty interests, for the period January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, as reported to us by the operators of the mines.

## **Recent Developments**

Acquisition of Battle Mountain Gold Exploration Corp.

On October 24, 2007, we acquired 100% of the issued and outstanding capital stock of Battle Mountain in a transaction whereby our wholly-owned subsidiary, Royal Battle Mountain, Inc., was merged with and into Battle Mountain, with Battle Mountain surviving as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Royal Gold. The aggregate consideration consisted of 1.14 million shares of our common stock and approximately \$3.4 million in cash.

Subject to settlement of the Battle Mountain litigation discussed below, additional consideration of up to an aggregate of 37,418 shares of Royal Gold common stock or approximately \$112,000 in cash may be paid to Battle Mountain stockholders. On September 13, 2006, an action was filed against Battle Mountain and its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Mark Kucher, by James E. McKay, a former officer and director of Battle Mountain, in the second Judicial Court of the State of Nevada. The action seeks to enforce alleged rights to certain shares of Battle Mountain common stock and options to purchase shares of Battle Mountain common stock pursuant to a stock option agreement and a stock option plan,

<sup>(2)</sup> Sold metal contained in concentrate.

<sup>(3)</sup> In July 2007, Quadra revised its production estimate for calendar 2007 from 68,058 ounces of gold to 90,000 ounces of gold. The reported increase in estimated production was due to higher than planned grade and recovery.

<sup>(4)</sup> In July 2007, High River announced that they expect to produce approximately 35,000 ounces of gold during calendar 2007.

<sup>(5)</sup> In August 2007, Alamos announced that they did not expect to meet their original calendar 2007 production estimate but they did not provide any revised production guidance.

<sup>(6)</sup> Recovered metal contained in concentrate.

and unspecified damages. Royal Gold may pay the additional consideration described above to Battle Mountain stockholders depending upon the cost of settling this litigation.

As part of the acquisition of Battle Mountain, we acquired the following thirteen royalty interests in various stages of production, development or exploration. The Company recognized approximately \$0.7 million in royalty revenue associated with the acquired Battle Mountain production stage royalty interests from the date of acquisition through December 31, 2007. Please refer to Note 2 of the notes to consolidated financial statements for further discussion on the acquisition of Battle Mountain.

Battle Mountain Production Stage Royalty Interests

| Mine          | Location        | Owner   | Royalty (Gold unless otherwise stated) |
|---------------|-----------------|---|--|
| Williams (1)  | Ontario, Canada | Teck (50%) and<br>Barrick (50%)                           | 0.72% NSR                              |
| El Limon (2)  | Nicaragua       | Central Sun (95%)<br>and Inversiones<br>Mineras S.A. (5%) | 3.0% NSR                               |
| Don Mario (3) | Bolivia         | Orvana  | 3.0% NSR                               |

The Williams mine is an open-pit and underground operation, which produced approximately 290,000 ounces of gold during calendar 2006. With existing proven and probable reserves, the remaining mine life is estimated at five years.

Battle Mountain Development Stage Royalty Interests

|             |                   |             | Royalty   |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------|---|
| Mine        | <u>Location</u>   | Owner       | (Gold unless otherwise stated)                  |
| Dolores (1) | Chihuahua, Mexico | Minefinders | 1.25% NSR (gold) and 2.0% NSR (gold and silver) |

<sup>(1)</sup> In February 2006, Minefinders received an optimized bankable feasibility study and approved the mine construction on the Dolores project. Mine construction is proceeding and the mine is expected to achieve commercial production early in the second quarter of calendar 2008. The mine plan estimates a 12 year mine life.

<sup>(2)</sup> El Limon is a fully mechanized underground mine and produced approximately 34,000 ounces of gold during calendar 2006. With existing proven and probable reserves, the remaining mine life is estimated at five years.

<sup>(3)</sup> The Don Mario mine is an open-pit and underground mine in eastern Bolivia that produced approximately 80,000 ounces of gold in calendar 2006. With existing proven and probable reserves, the remaining mine life is estimated at five years.

Battle Mountain Exploration Stage Royalty Interests

| Mine/Property          | Location                              | Owner  | Royalty<br>(Gold)             |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Marmato Properties (1) | Colombia                              | Mineros Nacionales S.A.  | 5.0% NSR                      |
| Joe Mann (2)           | Quebec, Canada                        | Gold Bullion Development Corp.   | 1.8 to 3.6% sliding-scale NSR |
| Relief Canyon (3)      | Pershing, County,<br>Nevada           | Firstgold Incorporated   | 4.0% NSR                      |
| Sega (4)               | Northern Burkina<br>Faso, West Africa | Orezone Resources Inc.   | 3.0% NSR                      |
| Vueltas del Rio        | Honduras                              | Lundin Mining Corporation  | 2.0% NSR                      |
| Lluvia de Oro (5)      | Mexico                                | Tara Gold Resources  | 2.0% NSR                      |
| Fletcher Junction (6)  | Mineral County, Nevada                | Pediment Gold LLC  | 1.25% NSR                     |
| Hot Pot (6)            | Mineral County, Nevada                | Pediment Gold LLC  | 1.25% NSR                     |
| Night Hawk Lake (6)    | Ontario, Canada                       | Selkirk Metals Corporation (40%), East West Resource Corporation (40%), Canadian Golden Dragon Resources Limited (20%) | 2.5% NSR                      |

<sup>(1)</sup> A collection of properties located in the Marmato district, an established mining district in Colombia.

## Acquisition of Benso Royalty

On December 7, 2007, Royal Gold paid \$1.875 million to FairWest Energy Corporation ("FairWest") in exchange for a 1.5% NSR royalty on gold produced from the Benso concession in the Western Region of the Republic of Ghana, West Africa. The Benso concession, controlled by Golden Star Resources Ltd ("Golden Star"), is located approximately 25 miles south of Golden Star's Wassa mine. Golden Star has reported that, as of June 15, 2007, the project contains 252,000 ounces of proven reserves. The operator expects production to commence during the third quarter of calendar 2008. The Benso royalty interest is classified as a development stage royalty interest on the Company's consolidated balance sheets.

The Joe Mann mine produced approximately 14,100 ounces of gold in calendar 2006. The mine is currently under care and maintenance. In September 2007, Campbell Resources Incorporated entered into a memorandum of understanding with Gold Bullion Development Corp. for the sale of the Joe Mann mine property. The existing 1.0% NSR would remain in effect upon completion of the sale.

<sup>(3)</sup> Firstgold Incorporated is evaluating plans to restart the mine at Relief Canyon.

<sup>(4)</sup> The Sega project is an advanced exploration project in northern Burkina Faso, West Africa.

Lluvia de Oro is a former open pit gold and silver mine, not currently in production, located in Mexico, and currently under option from Tara Gold Resources to Columbia Metals Corporation Ltd.

<sup>(6)</sup> Fletcher Junction, Hot Pot and Night Hawk Lake Property are all early stage exploration properties.

## Marigold and El Chanate Royalty Acquisitions

On January 24, 2008, we entered into an agreement to acquire three royalties from AngloGold Ashanti (USA) Exploration Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Anglo Gold Ashanti North America, for \$13.75 million. The first royalty is a 2.0% NSR royalty on the Marigold mine, located on the Battle Mountain-Eureka trend in Nevada, and operated by Goldcorp. The other two royalties are a 2.0-4.0% sliding-scale NSR royalty and a 10.0% NPI royalty, each on the El Chanate mine, located in Sonora, Mexico and operated by Capital Gold, Inc. ("Capital Gold"). The acquisition is subject to customary due diligence and is expected to close by the end of the first calendar quarter of 2008.

The Marigold mine is a large scale, open pit, heap leach operation. According to Goldcorp's December 31, 2006, reserve statement, proven and probable reserves include 102.2 million tons of ore, at a grade of 0.021 ounces per ton, containing about 2.1 million ounces of gold. The 2.0% NSR royalty interest burdens the majority of five sections of the mine, containing a number of open pits, but does not cover the current mining area in the Basalt/Antler area. Approximately 38% of the current reserves are covered by this royalty. We estimate this royalty will begin generating royalty revenue in calendar 2010 when mining operations move onto the Company's royalty ground.

According to Capital Gold's reserve statement on September 4, 2007, El Chanate contains proven and probable reserves of 43.5 million tons of ore, at a grade of 0.019 ounces per ton, containing about 832,000 ounces of gold. The mine commenced production in mid-2007 and Capital Gold estimates production of approximately 60,000 ounces of gold in calendar 2008, with a potential expansion to 100,000 ounces per year in calendar 2009. The El Chanate sliding-scale royalty pays at a rate of 2.0% when the average gold price is below \$300 per ounce, 3.0% when the gold price is between \$300 and \$350 per ounce, and 4.0% when the gold price is above \$350 per ounce. The sliding-scale royalty is capped once payments of approximately \$17 million have been received while the 10.0% NPI royalty is capped at \$1.0 million.

## **Results of Operations**

Quarter Ended December 31, 2007, Compared to Quarter Ended December 31, 2006

For the quarter ended December 31, 2007, we recorded net earnings of \$5.0 million, or \$0.13 per basic share and \$0.17 per diluted share, as compared to net earnings of \$5.6 million, or \$0.24 per basic and diluted share, for the quarter ended December 31, 2006.

For the quarter ended December 31, 2007, we recognized total royalty revenue of \$15.4 million, at an average gold price of \$786 per ounce, compared to royalty revenue of \$12.9 million, at an average gold price of \$614 per ounce for the quarter ended December 31, 2006. Royalty revenue and the corresponding production, attributable to our royalty interests, for the quarter ended December 31, 2007 compared to the quarter ended December 31, 2006 is as follows:

## Royalty Revenue and Production Subject to Our Royalty Interests Quarter Ended December 31, 2007 and 2006

|                        |               |              | Three Months Ended<br>December 31, 2007 |              | Three Months Ended<br>December 31, 2006 |  |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------|---|--------------|---|--|
|                        | •             | Royalty      | Reported                                | Royalty      | Reported                                |  |
| Royalty                | Metal(s)      | Revenue      | Production (1)                          | Revenue      | Production (1)                          |  |
| Pipeline               | Gold          | \$ 6,924,837 | 146,066 oz.                             | \$ 5,522,513 | 138,332 oz.                             |  |
| Robinson               |               | \$ 3,153,171 |   | \$ 3,224,457 |   |  |
|                        | Gold          |              | 27,090 oz.                              |              | 15,599 oz.                              |  |
|                        | Copper        |              | 28.9 million lbs.                       |              | 24.1 million lbs.                       |  |
| SJ Claims              | Gold          | \$ 1,288,086 | 183,211 oz.                             | \$ 1,533,394 | 275,968 oz.                             |  |
| Troy                   |               | \$ 349,030   |   | \$ 450,583   |   |  |
|                        | Silver        |              | 113,714 oz.                             |              | 167,238 oz.                             |  |
|                        | Copper        |              | 1.0 million lbs.                        |              | 1.4 million lbs.                        |  |
| Leeville               | Gold          | \$ 1,257,089 | 86,217 oz.                              | \$ 1,251,732 | 113,843 oz.                             |  |
| Taparko <sup>(2)</sup> | Gold          | \$ 1,054,452 | 5,932 oz.                               | N/A          | N/A                                     |  |
| Bald Mountain          | Gold          | \$ 131,927   | 16,069 oz.                              | \$ 406,000   | 37,829 oz.                              |  |
| Mulatos                | Gold          | \$ 356,368   | 30,324 oz.                              | \$ 243,428   | 26,660 oz.                              |  |
| Martha                 | Silver        | \$ 200,399   | 773,741 oz.                             | \$ 223,182   | 932,877 oz.                             |  |
| Don Mario (3)          | Gold          | \$ 385,000   | 22,258 oz.                              | N/A          | N/A                                     |  |
| Williams (3)           | Gold          | \$ 148,432   | 37,806 oz.                              | N/A          | N/A                                     |  |
| El Limon (3)           | Gold          | \$ 144,706   | 7,175 oz.                               | N/A          | N/A                                     |  |
| Joe Mann (3)           | Gold          | \$ 2,874     | 138 oz.                                 | N/A          | N/A                                     |  |
|                        | Total Revenue | \$15,396,371 |   | \$12,855,289 |   |  |

<sup>(1)</sup> Reported production relates to the amount of metal sales, subject to our royalty interests, for the three months ended December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006, as reported to us by the operators of the mines.

<sup>(2)</sup> In July 2007, High River announced initial gold production at the Taparko mine. Receipt of royalty revenue commenced during the quarter ended September 30, 2007.

Royalty acquired on October 24, 2007, as part of the acquisition of Battle Mountain. Recognized royalty revenue and the related production are from the acquisition date through December 31, 2007.

The increase in royalty revenue for the quarter ended December 31, 2007, compared with the quarter ended December 31, 2006, resulted from an increase in the average gold price and increased production at the Pipeline Mining Complex. The continued ramp up of gold production at the Taparko mine contributed approximately \$1.1 million in royalty revenue during the period. Production from the recently acquired Battle Mountain production stage royalties also contributed approximately \$0.7 million in royalty revenue during the period.

Our royalty revenue from Taparko was significantly impacted during the period due to an increased doré inventory in transit at year end, as well as mill alignment problems. The mill started up in December 2007 and the mill alignment problems were completely realigned in January 2008 to correct the problem.

General and administrative expenses increased to \$2.0 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2007, from \$1.5 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2006. The increase was primarily due to an increase in general corporate costs and employee related costs of approximately \$198,000 and an increase in legal and accounting costs of approximately \$180,000.

Exploration and business development expenses increased to \$1.9 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2007, from \$0.5 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2006. The increase is due to an increase in legal and consulting services for business development activities during the period.

The Company recorded total non-cash stock compensation expense related to our equity compensation plans of \$0.9 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2007, compared to \$0.6 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2006. Our non-cash stock compensation is allocated among cost of operations, general and administrative, and exploration and business development in our consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income. Please refer to Note 7 of the notes to consolidated financial statements for further discussion of the allocation of non-cash stock compensation for the quarter ended December 31, 2007 and 2006.

Depreciation, depletion and amortization increased to \$3.6 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2007, from \$2.1 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2006. The increase was primarily due the continued ramp up of gold production at the Taparko mine, which contributed approximately \$0.7 million in additional depletion during the period. Depletion from the recently acquired Battle Mountain producing royalties also contributed approximately \$0.6 million in additional depletion during the period.

Interest and other income increased to \$2.1 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2007, from \$1.0 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2006. The increase is primarily due to an increase in funds available for investing over the prior period, which is due primarily to the preferred stock offering completed in November 2007, as discussed below in "Liquidity and Capital Resources" within this MD&A. The increase was partially offset by lower interest rates on our cash investments when compared to the prior period.

Interest and other expense increased to \$0.8 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2007, from \$0.1 million for the quarter ended December 31, 2006. The increase is primarily due to a one-time charge of approximately \$0.4 million related to the payoff of the gold loan payable assumed as part of the Battle Mountain acquisition during the period. Please refer to Note 2 of the notes to consolidated financial statements for a further discussion on the Battle Mountain acquisition. The increase is also due to interest paid on our note payable of approximately \$0.2 million during the period. Please refer to Note 6 of the notes to consolidated financial statements for a further discussion on our note payable.

During the quarter ended December 31, 2007, we recognized current and deferred tax expense totaling \$2.4 million compared with \$2.6 million during the quarter ended December 31, 2006. This resulted in an effective tax rate of 32.4% in the current period, compared with 31.2% in the prior period. The increase in our effective tax rate is the result of an increase in the amount of foreign losses for which no

tax benefit is currently recognized as well as an increase in our non-cash stock compensation expense associated with incentive stock options for which there is no tax deduction.

Six Months Ended December 31, 2007, Compared to Six Months Ended December 31, 2006

For the six months ended December 31, 2007, we recorded net earnings of \$10.8 million, or \$0.37 per basic share and \$0.33 per diluted share, as compared to net earnings of \$10.6 million, or \$0.45 per basic share and \$0.44 per diluted share, for the six months ended December 31, 2006.

For the six months ended December 31, 2007, we recognized total royalty revenue of \$28.2 million, at an average gold price of \$732 per ounce, compared to royalty revenue of \$22.8 million, at an average gold price of \$618 per ounce for the six months ended December 31, 2006. Royalty revenue and the corresponding production, attributable to our royalty interests, for the six months ended December 31, 2007 compared to the six months ended December 31, 2006 is as follows:

## Royalty Revenue and Production Subject to Our Royalty Interests Six Months Ended December 31, 2007 and 2006

|               |                      |                    | Six Months Ended<br>December 31, 2007 |                    | Six Months Ended<br>December 31, 2006 |  |
|---------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Royalty       | Metal(s)             | Royalty<br>Revenue | Reported<br>Production (1)            | Royalty<br>Revenue | Reported<br>Production (1)            |  |
| Pipeline      | Gold                 | \$12,606,838       | 274,338 oz.                           | \$10,237,971       | 263,697 oz.                           |  |
| Robinson      |                      | \$ 6,706,026       |                                       | \$ 5,933,769       |                                       |  |
|               | Gold                 |                    | 53,157 oz.                            |                    | 25,758 oz.                            |  |
|               | Copper               |                    | 61.4 million lbs.                     |                    | 44.0 million lbs.                     |  |
| SJ Claims     | Gold                 | \$ 2,442,710       | 370,684 oz.                           | \$ 2,356,826       | 425,268 oz.                           |  |
| Troy          |                      | \$ 907,179         |                                       | \$ 1,020,276       |                                       |  |
|               | Silver               |                    | 295,276 oz.                           |                    | 371,507 oz.                           |  |
|               | Copper               |                    | 2.7 million lbs.                      |                    | 3.1 million lbs.                      |  |
| Leeville      | Gold                 | \$ 2,098,950       | 148,132 oz.                           | \$ 1,464,194       | 133,097 oz.                           |  |
| Taparko (2)   | Gold                 | \$ 1,489,190       | 8,798 oz.                             | N/A                | N/A                                   |  |
| Bald Mountain | Gold                 | \$ 331,927         | 32,848 oz.                            | \$ 937,662         | 63,411 oz.                            |  |
| Mulatos       | Gold                 | \$ 579,146         | 52,346 oz.                            | \$ 429,411         | 46,303 oz.                            |  |
| Martha        | Silver               | \$ 370,394         | 1.4 million oz.                       | \$ 403,822         | 1.7 million oz.                       |  |
| Don Mario (3) | Gold                 | \$ 385,000         | 22,258 oz.                            | N/A                | N/A                                   |  |
| Williams (3)  | Gold                 | \$ 148,432         | 37,806 oz.                            | N/A                | N/A                                   |  |
| El Limon (3)  | Gold                 | \$ 144,706         | 7,175 oz.                             | N/A                | N/A                                   |  |
| Joe Mann (3)  | Gold                 | \$ 2,874           | 138 oz.                               | N/A                | N/A                                   |  |
|               | <b>Total Revenue</b> | \$28,213,372       |                                       | \$22,783,931       |                                       |  |

<sup>(1)</sup> Reported production relates to the amount of metal sales, subject to our royalty interests, for the six months ended December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006, as reported to us by the operators of the mines.

<sup>(2)</sup> In July 2007, High River announced initial gold production at the Taparko mine. Receipt of royalty revenue commenced during the quarter ended September 30, 2007.

Royalty acquired on October 24, 2007, as part of the acquisition of Battle Mountain. Recognized royalty revenue is from the acquisition date through December 31, 2007.

The increase in royalty revenue for the six months ended December 31, 2007, compared with the six months ended December 31, 2006, resulted from an increase in the average gold price and an increase in production at the Pipeline Mining Complex, Robinson, Leeville and Mulatos mines. The commencement of gold production at the Taparko mine during the first fiscal quarter of 2008 and the continued ramp up during our second fiscal quarter resulted in approximately \$1.5 million of additional royalty revenue during the period. Production from the recently acquired Battle Mountain production stage royalties also contributed approximately \$0.7 million in additional royalty revenue during the period.

Our royalty revenue from Taparko was significantly impacted during the period due to an increased doré inventory in transit at year end, as well as mill alignment problems. The mill started up in December 2007 and the mill alignment problems were completely realigned in January 2008 to correct the problem.

Cost of operations increased to \$1.8 million for the six months ended December 31, 2007, compared to \$1.6 million for the six months ended December 31, 2006. The increase was primarily due to an increase in the Nevada Net Proceeds Tax expense, which resulted primarily from an increase in royalty revenue from Robinson, the Pipeline Mining Complex and Leeville.

General and administrative expenses increased to \$3.5 million for the six months ended December 31, 2007, from \$2.7 million for the six months ended December 31, 2006. The increase was primarily due to an increase in general corporate costs and employee related costs of approximately \$0.4 million during the period. An increase in accounting, tax and legal expenses of approximately \$0.3 million also contributed to the overall increase.

Exploration and business development expenses increased to \$2.5 million for the six months ended December 31, 2007, from \$0.9 million for the six months ended December 31, 2006. The increase is due to an increase in legal and consulting services for business development activities during the period.

The Company recorded total non-cash stock compensation expense related to our equity compensation plans of \$1.4 million for the six months ended December 31, 2007, compared to \$1.0 million for the six months ended December 31, 2006. Our non-cash stock compensation is allocated among cost of operations, general and administrative, and exploration and business development in our consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income. Please refer to Note 7 of the notes to consolidated financial statements for further discussion of the allocation of non-cash stock compensation for the six months ended December 31, 2007 and 2006.

Depreciation, depletion and amortization increased to \$6.0 million for the six months ended December 31, 2007, from \$3.2 million for the six months ended December 31, 2006. The initial and continued ramp up of gold production at the Taparko mine during the period contributed to additional depletion of approximately \$0.9 million. Increased production at the Leeville and Robinson mines resulted in additional depletion of approximately \$0.6 million, while an increase in depletion rates at Revett resulted in additional depletion of approximately \$0.4 million. Finally, the acquisition of the Battle Mountain production stage royalties also contributed to additional depletion of approximately \$0.6 million during the period.

Interest and other income increased to \$3.9 million for the six months ended December 31, 2007, from \$1.9 million for the six months ended December 31, 2006. The increase is primarily due to an increase in funds available for investing over the prior period, which is due primarily to the preferred stock offering completed in November 2007, as discussed below in "Liquidity and Capital Resources" within this MD&A. The increase was partially offset by lower interest rates on our cash investments when compared to the prior period.

Interest and other expense increased to \$1.2 million for the six months ended December 31, 2007, from \$0.1 million for the six months ended December 31, 2006. The increase is primarily due to a one-time charge of approximately \$0.4 million related to the payoff of the gold loan payable assumed as part of the Battle Mountain acquisition during our second fiscal quarter. Please refer to Note 2 of the notes to consolidated financial statements for a further discussion on the Battle Mountain acquisition. The increase is also due to interest paid on our note payable of approximately \$0.5 million during the period. Please refer to Note 6 of the notes to consolidated financial statements for a further discussion on our note payable.

During the six months ended December 31, 2007, we recognized current and deferred tax expense totaling \$5.3 million compared with \$5.0 million during the six months ended December 31, 2006. This resulted in an effective tax rate of 32.8% in the current period, compared with 31.9% in the prior period. The increase in our effective tax rate is the result of an increase in the amount of foreign losses for which no tax benefit is currently recognized as well as an increase in our non-cash stock compensation expense associated with incentive stock options for which there is no tax deduction.

## **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

#### Overview

At December 31, 2007, we had current assets of \$209.4 million compared to current liabilities of \$8.4 million for a current ratio of 25 to 1. This compares to current assets of \$95.7 million and current liabilities of \$4.7 million at June 30, 2007, resulting in a current ratio of approximately 20 to 1. Our current ratio increased during the period primarily due to net proceeds received from the issuance of preferred stock related to our November 2007 preferred stock offering, discussed below, of approximately \$111.1 million as well as cash received during the period from royalty income of approximately \$23.6 million. This increase in cash was partially offset by cash paid as part of the acquisition of Battle Mountain of approximately \$3.4 million, cash paid for common stock dividends of approximately \$3.8 million and cash paid as part of the Benso royalty acquisition of \$1.875 million.

During the six months ended December 31, 2007, liquidity needs were met from \$28.2 million in royalty revenues (including \$0.6 million of minority interest), net proceeds from issuance of preferred stock related to our November 2007 preferred stock offering of approximately \$111.1 million, our available cash resources and interest and other income of \$3.9 million. Also during our six months ended December 31, 2007, our total assets increased to \$542.1 million compared to \$356.6 million at June 30, 2007. The increase was primarily attributable to net proceeds received from our November 2007 preferred stock offering of approximately \$111.1 million and the preliminary allocation of approximately \$85.5 million in royalty interests in mineral properties as part of the Battle Mountain acquisition.

We believe that our current financial resources and funds generated from operations will be adequate to cover anticipated expenditures for general and administrative expense costs, exploration and business development costs, and capital expenditures for the foreseeable future. Our current financial resources are also available for royalty acquisitions and to fund dividends. Our capital requirements are primarily affected by our ongoing acquisition activities. We have used both cash and our common stock as consideration in our acquisitions. We currently, and generally at any time, have acquisition opportunities in various stages of active review and may enter into one or more acquisition transactions at any time. In the event we enter into a significant royalty or other acquisition, we may need to seek substantial additional debt or equity financing. This could have a dilutive effect on our existing shareholders and impose substantial debt burdens on the Company.

## Recent Liquidity and Capital Resource Developments

Acquisition of Battle Mountain Gold Exploration Corp.

On October 24, 2007, we acquired 100% of the issued and outstanding capital stock of Battle Mountain in a transaction whereby our wholly-owned subsidiary, Royal Battle Mountain, Inc., was merged with and into Battle Mountain, with Battle Mountain surviving as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Royal Gold, for aggregate consideration consisting of 1.14 million shares of our common stock and approximately \$3.4 million in cash. At the time of acquisition, Battle Mountain had approximately \$1.4 million in cash. Please refer to Note 2 of the notes to consolidated financial statements for further discussion on the acquisition of Battle Mountain.

### Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock Offering

On November 9, 2007, the Company completed an offering of 1,150,000 shares of 7.25% mandatory convertible preferred stock (the "Preferred Stock") at a price to the public of \$100.00 per share, less underwriter discounts and other related expenses, resulting in net proceeds of \$111.1 million. Dividends on the Preferred Stock will be payable on a cumulative basis when, as and if declared by our board of directors at an annual rate of 7.25% per share on the liquidation preference of \$100 per share. We will pay dividends in cash, common stock or a combination thereof, on February 15, May 15, August 15 and November 15 of each year to and including November 15, 2010, commencing on February 15, 2008.

Each share of the Preferred Stock will automatically convert on November 15, 2010, into between 2.8335 and 3.4002 shares of our common stock, subject to anti-dilution adjustments. At any time prior to November 15, 2010, holders may elect to convert each share of the Preferred Stock into shares of our common stock at the minimum conversion rate of 2.8335 shares of common stock per share of the Preferred Stock, subject to anti-dilution adjustments. At any time prior to May 15, 2008, we may, at our option, cause the conversion of all, but not less than all, of the Preferred Stock into shares of our common stock at the provisional conversion rate described within the Preferred Stock offering. However, we may not elect to exercise our provisional conversion right if, on or prior to May 15, 2008, we have completed a material transaction involving the acquisition of assets or a business with a purchase price of \$100 million or more.

On January 10, 2008, the Company's board of directors declared the regular quarterly dividend for the first dividend period of \$1.9333 per share of the Preferred Stock. The dividend is payable on February 15, 2008, to preferred shareholders of record at the close of business on February 1, 2008. The preferred dividend will be paid in cash.

On January 25, 2008, the Company announced that is has exercised it provisional conversion right to convert all of the issued and outstanding shares of its Preferred Stock into shares of our common stock. Each share of the Preferred Stock will be converted into shares of our common stock on March 10, 2008 (the "Conversion Date"), based on the average closing price per common share on the Nasdaq Global Select Market over the 20 consecutive trading day period ending on March 5, 2008. In connection with the conversion, all accrued and unpaid dividends on the Preferred Stock up to the Conversion Date will be payable at \$0.5035 per share of Preferred Stock and will be paid in cash to holders of record on the Conversion Date. The conversion of the Preferred Stock into shares of our common stock will simplify our capital structure and will significantly reduce our cost of capital due to the elimination of the 7.25% after tax Preferred Stock dividend payment.

#### Common Stock Dividend Increase

On November 14, 2007, the Company announced that its board of directors increased the Company's annual (calendar year) common stock dividend from \$0.26 per share to \$0.28 per share, payable on a

quarterly basis of \$0.07 per share of common stock, beginning with the quarterly dividend paid on January 18, 2008.

## Amendment to Credit Facility

On January 23, 2008, the Company entered into an amendment of its existing credit facility with HSBC Bank USA, National Association. The amendment extends the maturity date of the credit facility two years from December 31, 2010 to December 31, 2012. The amendment also updated the assumptions used in the calculation of the borrowing base, which included an increase in the metal price assumption of gold and added a metal price assumption for silver. As of January 23, 2008, the Company's borrowing capacity under the credit facility was the full \$80 million under the credit facility. Please refer to Note 5 of the notes to the consolidated financial statements for a further discussion on the credit facility.

#### Stock Repurchase Program

On January 25, 2008, the Company announced that its board of directors authorized the repurchase of up to \$30 million of its common stock in the open market from time to time until March 31, 2008. The timing and number of shares to be repurchased will depend on market conditions and other considerations. The Company is not obligated to acquire any specific amount of common stock and the repurchase program may be suspended at any time at the Company's discretion.

## **Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements**

On July 13, 2006, Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Interpretation No. 48 ("FIN 48"), *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes – An Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109*, was issued. FIN 48 clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in a company's financial statements in accordance with SFAS 109. FIN 48 also prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. FIN 48 also provides guidance on de-recognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition. The Company adopted FIN 48 on July 1, 2007. Refer to Note 11 of the notes to consolidated financial statements for a discussion regarding the effect of adopting FIN 48.

In September 2006, the FASB issued Statement No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements*. Statement No. 157 provides guidance for using fair value to measure assets and liabilities. Statement No. 157 applies whenever other accounting standards require (or permit) assets or liabilities to be measured at fair value but does not expand the use of fair value in any new circumstances. Under Statement No. 157, fair value refers to the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability between participants in the market in which the reporting entity transacts. In this standard, the FASB clarifies the principle that fair value should be based on the assumptions market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability. The provisions of Statement No. 157 are effective for our fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and interim periods within the fiscal year. The Company is evaluating the impact, if any, the adoption of Statement No. 157 could have on our financial statements.

In February 2007, the FASB issued Statement No. 159, "*The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities*," which allows entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. Statement No. 159 is effective as of the beginning of an entity's first fiscal year that begins after November 15, 2007. The Company is evaluating the impact, if any, the adoption of Statement No. 159 could have on our financial statements.

In December 2007, the FASB issued Statement No. 141 (revised 2007), "Business Combinations", ("SFAS 141R"), which significantly changes the ways companies account for business combinations and will generally require more assets acquired and liabilities assumed to be measured at their acquisition date fair value. Under SFAS 141R, legal fees and other transaction related costs are expensed as incurred and

are no longer included in goodwill as a cost of acquiring the business. SFAS 141R also requires, among other things, acquirers to estimate the acquisition date fair value of any contingent consideration and to recognize any subsequent changes in the fair value of contingent consideration in earnings. In addition, restructuring costs the acquirer expected, but was not obligated to incur, will be recognized separately from the business acquisition. SFAS 141R is effective for the Company's fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, and is to be applied prospectively. The Company is evaluating the impact, if any, the adoption of SFAS 141R could have on our financial statements.

Also in December 2007, the FASB issued Statement No. 160, "Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements, an amendment of ARB No. 51" ("SFAS 160"). SFAS 160 requires all entities to report noncontrolling interests in subsidiaries as a separate component of equity in the consolidated financial statements. SFAS 160 establishes a single method of accounting for changes in a parent's ownership interest in a subsidiary that do not result in deconsolidation. Companies will no longer recognize a gain or loss on partial disposals of a subsidiary where control is retained. In addition, in partial acquisitions, where control is obtained, the acquiring company will recognize and measure at fair value 100 percent of the assets and liabilities, including goodwill, as if the entire target company had been acquired. SFAS 160 is effective for the Company's fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, and is to be applied prospectively. The Company is evaluating the impact, if any, the adoption of SFAS 160 could have on our financial statements.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

Cautionary "Safe Harbor" Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. With the exception of historical matters, the matters discussed in this report are forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from projections or estimates contained herein. Such forward-looking statements include statements regarding projected production estimates and estimates of timing of commencement of production from the operators of our royalty properties; the adequacy of financial resources and funds to cover anticipated expenditures for general and administrative expenses as well as costs associated with exploration and business development and capital expenditures, and our expectation that substantially all our revenues will be derived from royalty interests. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from these forward-looking statements include, among others:

- changes in gold and other metals prices;
- the performance of our producing royalty properties;
- decisions and activities of the operators of our royalty properties;
- the ability of operators to bring projects into production and operate in accordance with feasibility studies;
- unanticipated grade and geological, metallurgical, processing or other problems at the properties;
- changes in project parameters as plans of the operators are refined;
- changes in estimates of reserves and mineralization by the operators of our royalty properties;
- economic and market conditions;
- future financial needs;
- federal, state and foreign legislation governing us or the operators;

- the availability of royalties for acquisition or other acquisition opportunities and the availability of debt or equity financing necessary to complete such acquisitions;
- our ability to make accurate assumptions regarding the valuation and timing and amount of royalty payments when making acquisitions;
- risks associated with conducting business in foreign countries, including application of foreign laws to contract and other disputes, environmental laws and enforcement and uncertain political and economic environments;
- risks associated with issuances of substantial additional common stock in connection with acquisitions or otherwise; and
- risks associated with the incurrence of substantial additional indebtedness if we take such actions in connection with acquisitions or otherwise.

as well as other factors described elsewhere in our Annual Report on Form 10-K and other reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Most of these factors are beyond our ability to predict or control. Future events and actual results could differ materially from those set forth in, contemplated by or underlying the forward-looking statements. We disclaim any obligation to update any forward-looking statement made herein. Readers are cautioned not to put undue reliance on forward-looking statements.

## ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Our earnings and cash flow are significantly impacted by changes in the market price of gold and other metals. Gold and other metal prices can fluctuate widely and are affected by numerous factors, such as demand, production levels, economic policies of central banks, producer hedging, world political and economic events, and the strength of the U.S. dollar relative to other currencies. Please see "Volatility in gold and other metal prices may have an adverse impact on the value of our royalty interests and reduce our royalty revenues," under Part I, Item 1A of our 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K for more information that can affect gold and other prices as well as historical gold, silver and copper prices.

During the six month period ended December 31, 2007, we reported royalty revenues of \$28.2 million, with an average gold price for the period of \$732 per ounce and an average copper price of \$3.39 per pound. Approximately 75% of our total recognized revenues for the six months ended December 31, 2007, were attributable to gold sales from our gold producing royalty interests, as shown within the MD&A. For the six months ended December 31, 2007, if the price of gold had averaged higher or lower by \$50 per ounce, we would have recorded an increase or decrease in revenues of approximately \$1.5 million, respectively. Approximately 22% of our total recognized revenues for the six months ended December 31, 2007, were attributable to copper sales at Robinson and Revett. For the six months ended December 31, 2007, if the price of copper had averaged higher or lower by \$0.25 per pound, we would have recorded an increase or decrease in revenues of approximately \$0.6 million, respectively.

## ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

During the six months ended December 31, 2007, the Company's management, with the participation of the President and Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Company, carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")). Based on such evaluation, the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer have concluded that, as of the six months ended December 31, 2007, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the required time periods and are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in its reports is accumulated and communicated by the Company's management, including the President and Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Even an effective internal control system, no matter how well designed, has inherent limitations, including the possibility of the circumvention or overriding of controls. Therefore, the Company's internal control over financial reporting can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to the reliability of the Company's financial reporting and financial statement preparation.

There has been no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the six months ended December 31, 2007, that has materially affected, or that is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

#### PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

#### ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Not applicable.

## ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

Information regarding risk factors appears in Item 2 "MD&A – Forward-Looking Statements," and various risks faced by us are also discussed elsewhere in Item 2 "MD&A" of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. In addition, risk factors are included in Part I, Item 1A of our 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K. Our risk factors were updated since our previously disclosed risk factors in our 2007 Annual Report on Form 10-K as set forth below:

## Foreign operations are subject to many risks.

Our foreign activities are subject to the risks normally associated with conducting business in foreign countries. This includes exchange controls and currency fluctuations, limitations on repatriation of earnings, foreign taxation, foreign environmental laws and enforcement, expropriation or nationalization of property, labor practices and disputes, and uncertain political and economic environments. There are also risks of war and civil disturbances, as well as other risks that could cause exploration or development difficulties or stoppages, restrict the movement of funds or result in the deprivation or loss of contract rights or the taking of property by nationalization or expropriation, without fair compensation. Exploration licenses granted by some foreign countries do not include the right to mine. Each country has discretion in determining whether to grant a license to mine. If an operator cannot secure a mining license

following exploration of a property, the value of our royalty interest would be negatively affected. Foreign operations could also be adversely impacted by laws and policies of the United States affecting foreign trade, investment, and taxation. We currently have interests in projects in Argentina, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Finland, Ghana, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua and Russia. We also evaluate precious metal royalty acquisitions or development opportunities in other parts of the world, including Canada, Central America, Europe, Australia, other Republics of the former Soviet Union, Asia, Africa and South America.

We are also subject to the risks of operating in Burkina Faso, West Africa. Countries in the region have historically experienced periods of political uncertainty, exchange rate fluctuations, balance of payments and trade difficulties and problems associated with extreme poverty and unemployment. Any of these economic or political risks could adversely affect the Taparko project.

Our operations in Mexico are subject to risks such as the effects of political developments and local unrest, and communal property issues. In the past, Mexico has experienced prolonged periods of weak economic conditions characterized by exchange rate instability, increased inflation and negative economic growth, all of which could occur again in the future. Any of these risks could adversely affect the Mulatos mine as well as the Peñasquito and Dolores projects.

We hold a royalty interest in an exploration property that is subject to the risks of operating in Russia. The economy of the Russian Federation continues to display characteristics of an emerging market, including extensive currency controls and potentially high inflation. The prospects for future economic stability in the Russian Federation are largely dependent upon the effectiveness of economic measures undertaken by the government, together with legal, regulatory and political developments. Russian laws, licenses and permits have been in a state of change and new laws may be given a retroactive effect. Our Martha royalty is subject to risks relating to operating in Argentina. Argentina, while currently economically and politically stable, has experienced political instability, currency fluctuations and changes in banking regulations in recent years. Future instability, currency value fluctuations or regulation changes could adversely affect our revenues from the Martha mine.

Our Don Mario royalty, which we acquired when we acquired Battle Mountain on October 24, 2007, is subject to risks relating to operating in Bolivia. Bolivia has experienced political and social instability, corruption, regulation changes, an abundance of administrative procedures and the potential for nationalization of foreign business interests that could materially adversely affect the Don Mario mine.

In addition to the risk factors previously disclosed, we identified the following risks related to our business:

## We may experience operational and other difficulties if we complete one or more significant acquisitions.

As part of our business model and growth strategy, we are engaged in a continual review of opportunities to acquire existing royalties, including acquiring companies that hold royalties. When we acquire a company, we may experience the need to hire additional personnel, difficulties in integrating the acquired company, increases in our general and administrative expenses and related problems. Furthermore, as part of the acquisition of a company or a group of royalties, we may acquire operating or working interests and other assets outside of our core focus of precious metal royalties. In the event we experience these difficulties in connection with one or more acquisition, our business or financial results may be adversely affected.

## ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

Not applicable.

## ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

Not applicable.

#### ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

On November 7, 2007, we held our 2007 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The matters voted upon at the meeting, for shareholders of record as of September 26, 2007, and the vote with respect to each such matters are set forth below:

1. To elect two Class II Directors of Royal Gold, Inc. to serve until the 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders:

|                   | For        | Withheld  |
|-------------------|------------|-----------|
| James W. Stuckert | 17,965,901 | 6,096,776 |
| Merritt E. Marcus | 18,025,137 | 6,037,540 |

2. To adopt an amendment to Royal Gold Inc.'s Certificate of Incorporation increasing the number of authorized shares of common stock from 40,000,000 to 100,000,000:

For: Against: Abstain: 18,711,847 5,166,016 184,814

3. To ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the independent registered public accountants of Royal Gold, Inc. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008:

For: Against: Abstain: 23,634,309 349,109 79,259

## **ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION**

Form 8K — Item 5.02(f). On November 7, 2007, the Board of Directors of Royal Gold, Inc. authorized and approved the payment of cash bonuses for fiscal year 2007 (ended June 30, 2007) to Royal Gold's executive officers. This bonus compensation information was not included in the Summary Compensation Table included in Royal Gold's Proxy Statement for its 2007 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 16, 2007, because amounts of such bonuses were not determined and not calculable as of the time of the proxy filing. The fiscal 2007 bonus payments, the total fiscal 2007 compensation as reported in the October 2007 proxy statement, and the recalculated total compensation for fiscal 2007 including bonus payments approved for Royal Gold's named executive officers for fiscal year 2007 is as follows:

| N 15 ( 00°  | E' 10007          | Total Fiscal 2007<br>Compensation as | Total Fiscal 2007<br>Compensation |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Named Executive Officer and Principal Position                      | Fiscal 2007 Bonus | Reported in Proxy Statement          | Including Fiscal 2007 Bonus       |
| Stanley Dempsey Executive Chairman                                  | \$ 95,000         | \$ 749,958                           | \$ 844,958                        |
| Tony Jensen President and Chief Executive Officer                   | \$200,000         | \$ 1,121,546                         | \$ 1,321,546                      |
| Stefan Wenger<br>Chief Financial Officer and<br>Treasurer           | \$ 85,000         | \$ 600,738                           | \$ 685,738                        |
| Karen P. Gross<br>Vice President and<br>Corporate Secretary         | \$ 90,000         | \$ 600,223                           | \$ 690,223                        |
| William Heissenbuttel<br>Vice President of<br>Corporate Development | \$ 95,000         | \$ 323,306                           | \$ 418,306                        |

# ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

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| 3.1               | Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended   |
| 3.2               | Form of Certificate of Designations setting forth the specific rights, preferences, limitations, restrictions and other terms and conditions of the 7.25% Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Royal Gold's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 6, 2007) |
| 3.3               | Certificate of Amendment to the Certificate of Designations of 7.25% Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock of Royal Gold, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.4 to Royal Gold Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed on November 9, 2007)  |
| 4.1               | Form of 7.25% Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock Certificate (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Royal Gold's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 6, 2007)   |
| 31.1              | Certification of President and Chief Executive Officer required by Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.   |
| 31.2              | Certification of Chief Financial Officer required by Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.   |
| 32.1              | Written Statement of the President and Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.   |
| 32.2              | Written Statement of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.   |
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# **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 thereunto duly authorized.

# ROYAL GOLD, INC.

Date: February 8, 2008 By: / s/ Tony Jensen

Tony Jensen

President and Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ Stefan Wenger Stefan Wenger Date: February 8, 2008

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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| 31.2              | Certification of Chief Financial Officer required by Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.   |
| 32.1              | Written Statement of the President and Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.   |
| 32.2              | Written Statement of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.   |

# RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF ROYAL GOLD, INC.

FIRST. The name of the corporation is Royal Gold, Inc.

SECOND. The registered office of the corporation in the State of Delaware is located at 1209 Orange Street, in the City of Wilmington, County of New Castle 19801. The name of the Corporation's registered agent at such address is The Corporation Trust Company.

- THIRD. The nature of the business or purposes to be conducted or promoted is to engage in any lawful act or activities for which corporations may be organized under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.
- FOURTH. (a) The total number of shares of stock which the corporation shall have authority to issue is 110,000,000 shares, consisting of (i) 100,000,000 shares of common stock, each share having a par value of \$.01 and (ii) 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, each share having a par value of \$.01.
- (b) Each stockholder of record shall have one vote for each share of stock outstanding in his name on the books of the corporation and entitled to vote, except that in the election of directors such stockholder shall have the right to vote such number of shares for as many persons as there are directors to be elected. Cumulative voting shall not be allowed in the election of directors or for any other purpose.
- (c) No stockholder of the corporation shall have any pre-emptive or similar right to subscribe for any additional shares of stock, or for other securities of any class, or for rights, warrants or options to purchase stock or for scrip, or for securities of any kind convertible into stock or carrying stock purchase warrants or privileges.
- (d) The board of directors of the corporation shall have the sole and exclusive right to fix by resolution or resolutions the powers, preferences and rights, and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions of the preferred stock, or any series thereof, to the extent permitted by Section 151 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.
- FIFTH. The directors of the corporation shall be divided into three classes. The term of office of the director(s) of the first class shall expire at the first annual meeting of the board of directors. The term of the director(s) of the second class shall expire one year thereafter. The term of the director(s) of the third class shall expire two years thereafter. At each annual election of directors, directors shall be chosen to succeed those directors whose terms expire. Directors elected by the stockholders at any annual election of directors shall serve for three-year terms, unless any director's term is earlier terminated by death, resignation or removal.

SIXTH. The corporation is to have perpetual existence.

SEVENTH. The following provisions are inserted for the management of the business and for the conduct of the affairs of the corporation and for the purpose of creating, defining, limiting and regulating the powers of the corporation and its directors and stockholders:

- (a) The number of directors of the corporation shall be fixed, and may be altered from time to time, in the manner provided in the bylaws. Vacancies in the board of directors (including newly created directorships resulting from any increase in the authorized number of directors) may be filled, and directors may be removed, as provided in the bylaws or under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.
- (b) All corporate powers and authority of the corporation (except as at the time otherwise provided by the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, by this Certificate of Incorporation or by the bylaws) shall be vested in and exercised by the board of directors.
- (c) The board of directors is expressly authorized to make, alter or repeal the bylaws of the corporation except to the extent that the bylaws otherwise provide.
  - EIGHTH. Elections of directors need not be by written ballot unless the bylaws of the corporation so provide.
- NINTH. The corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in this Certificate of Incorporation from time to time and at any time by affirmative vote of the stockholders representing a majority of the stock entitled to vote outstanding, and all rights herein conferred upon stockholders and directors are granted subject to such reservation.
- TENTH. A director shall not be liable to the Corporation or to its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except that a director shall be so liable (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the Corporation or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or knowing violation of law, (iii) under section 174 under Title S, of the Delaware Code, or (iv) for any transaction from which the director received an improper personal benefit.

## **EXHIBIT 31.1**

- I, Tony Jensen, certify that:
- (1) I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Royal Gold, Inc.;
- (2) Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- (3) Based on my knowledge, the financial statements and other financial information included in this report fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- (4) The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f), and 15d-a5(f), for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this quarterly report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- (5) The registrant's other certifying officer and I, have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal controls over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal controls over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls over financial reporting.

February 8, 2008

<u>/s/ Tony Jensen</u> Tony Jensen

President and Chief Executive Office

## **EXHIBIT 31.2**

- I, Stefan Wenger, certify that:
- (1) I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of Royal Gold, Inc.;
- (2) Based on my knowledge, this quarterly report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact nor omits to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- (3) Based on my knowledge, the financial statements and other financial information included in this report fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- (4) The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f), and 15d-a5(f), for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal controls over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- (5) The registrant's other certifying officer and I, have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal controls over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal controls over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal controls over financial reporting.

February 8, 2008

/s/ Stefan Wenger

Stefan Wenger Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

# **EXHIBIT 32.1**

In connection with the quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Royal Gold, Inc. (the "Company"), for the period ended December 31, 2007, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Tony Jensen, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 that, to my knowledge:

- (1) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and result of operations of the Company.

February 8, 2008

/s/ Tony Jensen

Tony Jensen President and Chief Executive Officer

# **EXHIBIT 32.2**

In connection with the quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Royal Gold, Inc. (the "Company"), for the period ended December 31, 2007, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Stefan Wenger, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 that, to my knowledge:

- (1) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and result of operations of the Company.

February 8, 2008

/s/ Stefan Wenger

Stefan Wenger Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer