

ENGELE JOHN F
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ENGELE JOHN F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
VISTA GOLD CORP [VGZ]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O VISTA GOLD CORP., 7961
SHAFFER PARKWAY, SUITE 5

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/09/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Senior VP - CFO

LITTLETON, CO 80127

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Common Shares | 03/09/2018 | | A | | 30,400 ⁽¹⁾ \$ 0 | D | |
| Common Shares | 03/09/2018 | | F | | 13,419 \$ 0.75 | D | |

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

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 0.75 | 03/09/2018 | | A | 50,000 | <u>(2)</u> | 03/09/2023 | Common Shares | 50,000 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 ⁽³⁾ | 03/09/2018 | | A | 54,000 ⁽³⁾ | 03/09/2019 | 03/09/2019 | Common Shares | 54,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ENGELE JOHN F C/O VISTA GOLD CORP. 7961 SHAFFER PARKWAY, SUITE 5 LITTLETON, CO 80127 | | | Senior VP - CFO | |

Signatures

/s/ Connie Martinez as attorney-in-fact for John F. Engele

03/09/2018

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

On March 5, 2017, the reporting person was granted performance-based restricted stock units ("RSUs"). Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of VGZ common stock. The established performance criteria was determined to have been met for the RSUs reported above on March 9, 2018.

(2) The options vest as follows: 16,666 on 3/9/2018; 16,666 on 3/9/2019; and 16,667 on 3/9/2020.

(3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of VGZ common stock ("RSU"). Vesting of the RSUs will occur on 3/9/2019, subject to the reporting person's continuing employment with the Issuer. VESTING OF THE RSU GRANTS IS ALSO SUBJECT TO PERFORMANCE AND MARKET PRICE CRITERIA AND THE RSUs WILL NOT NECESSARILY VEST OR CONVERT INTO NON-DERIVATIVE SECURITIES TO BE BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY THE REPORTING PERSON.

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