

VISTA GOLD CORP  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O VISTA GOLD CORP., 7961  
SHAFFER PARKWAY, SUITE 5

(Street)

LITTLETON, CO 80127

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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

08/11/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Stock	08/11/2016		M		75,725	A	\$ 0 (1)
Common Stock	08/11/2016		M		30,500	A	\$ 0 (2)
Common Stock	08/11/2016		M		145,800	A	\$ 0 (3)
Common Stock	08/11/2016		M		87,600	A	\$ 0 (4)

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)	
					V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	08/11/2016		M		75,725	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Shares	75,725
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	08/11/2016		M		30,500	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Shares	30,500
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(3)</u>	08/11/2016		M		145,800	<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Shares	145,800
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(4)</u>	08/11/2016		M		87,600	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Shares	87,600

## 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

08/15/2016

\_\_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).

Partial vesting of grant of 233,000 RSUs on 7/28/15, previously reported on a Form 4 filed with the SEC on 7/30/15. Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of VGZ common stock. Total does not include 17,475 shares underlying performance share awards previously reported on the Form 4 filed 7/30/15, which were forfeited due to failure to achieve the specified performance

(1) criteria. Vesting of 40% of the RSUs will occur on 7/28/17, subject to share price performance criteria for the Issuer's common shares. The remaining 20% of the grant will vest on the 2nd and 3rd year anniversaries of the grant. VESTING OF THE REMAINING RSUs IS 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.

(2) Partial vesting (50%) of grant of 61,000 RSUs on 7/29/14, previously reported on a Form 4 filed with the SEC on 7/31/14 (50% of the grant previously vested on 7/28/15). Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of VGZ common stock.

Partial vesting of grant of 243,000 RSUs on 7/29/14, previously reported on a Form 4 filed with the SEC on 7/31/14. Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of VGZ common stock. Vesting of the 145,800 RSUs was subject to the reporting person meeting annual performance criteria. Vesting of the remaining 97,200 RSUs is contingent upon share price performance criteria for the Issuer's common shares. VESTING OF THE REMAINING RSUs IS SUBJECT TO MARKET PRICE CRITERIA AND WILL NOT NECESSARILY VEST OR CONVERT INTO NON-DERIVATIVE SECURITIES TO BE BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY THE REPORTING PERSON.

(3) Partial vesting of grant of 219,000 RSUs on 8/9/13, previously reported on a Form 4 filed with the SEC on 8/12/13. Each RSU represents a contingent right to receive one share of VGZ common stock. Vesting of the RSUs was subject to the reporting person meeting annual performance criteria.

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