

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 19, 2000

BATTLE MOUNTAIN GOLD COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Nevada
*(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)*

1-9666
(Commission File Number)

76-0151431
*(IRS Employer
Identification No.)*

333 Clay Street, 42nd Floor
Houston, Texas

*(Address, of principal executive
offices)*

77002

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 650-6400

Not applicable
(former name or former address, if changed since last report)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

5.1 Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein is certain information regarding adverse water rights/water quality ruling on the Crown Jewel mine, as presented in a press releases dated January 19, 2000.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release issued by Battle Mountain Gold Company dated January 19, 2000.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: February 11, 2000.

BATTLE MOUNTAIN GOLD COMPANY
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Greg V. Etter
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BATTLE MOUNTAIN GOLD RECEIVES ADVERSE WATER RIGHTS/WATER QUALITY RULING ON CROWN JEWEL MINE

Houston, January 19, 2000 -- Battle Mountain Gold Company (BMG-NYSE; BMC-TSE) today said that the Washington Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) has granted appeals brought by opposition to the Crown Jewel project regarding water rights and 401 Water Quality Certification for the Crown Jewel mine. The ruling reverses the Reports of Examination for the water rights and vacates the 401 Certification, which were issued by the Washington Department of Ecology (WDOE).

BMG President and Chief Operating Officer, John A. Keyes, said that the Company is outraged by the PCHB ruling, adding that it is particularly disappointing that the PCHB has chosen to ignore the many years of work and technical study conducted by the WDOE and its consultants, which found the project to meet all necessary criteria. As the Director of the WDOE stated with respect to Crown Jewel, 'No other proposal has received this level of environmental scrutiny.'

Keyes noted that the decision is appealable, and that the Company is currently reviewing its options.

The United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides a "safe harbor" for certain forward-looking statements. Operating, exploration and financial data, and other statements in this document, are based on information that the Company believes reasonable, but involve significant uncertainties as to future gold prices, costs, ore grades, mining and processing conditions, and regulatory and permitting matters. Actual results and timetables could vary significantly from the estimates presented. Also refer to the Cautionary Statement contained in the Company's Form 10-K and 10-Q for the most recent reporting periods.

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