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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Earnest Frederick Hume Issuer Symbol VISTA GOLD CORP [VGZ] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title C/O VISTA GOLD CORP., 7961 03/09/2018 below) SHAFFER PARKWAY, SUITE 5 President and CEO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting LITTLETON, CO 80127 Person

| (City) | (State) (| (Zip) Tab | le I - Non-l | Derivative Securities Acq | uired, Disposed o | of, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|---|-------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| 1.Title of Security | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Transacti | 4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct | |

| Security (Instr. 3) | (Month/Day/Year) | , and the second se | Transactio Code | on(A) or Dis | | ` ′ | Securities Beneficially | Form: Direct (D) or | Indirect Beneficial |
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| (Ilisti. 3) | | any (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | Owned Following | Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | (A) or | | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common | | | Code V | Amount 69,600 | (D) | Price | , | | |
| Shares | 03/09/2018 | | A | (1) | A | \$ 0 | 1,061,197 | D | |
| Common Shares | 03/09/2018 | | F | 28,539 | D | \$ 0.75 | 1,032,658 | 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of or 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 | Amoun Numbe Shares |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 0.75 | 03/09/2018 | | A | 100,000 | <u>(2)</u> | 03/09/2023 | Common Shares | 100,0 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 (3) | 03/09/2018 | | A | 126,000 (3) | 03/09/2019 | 03/09/2019 | Common Shares | 126,0 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Earnest Frederick Hume C/O VISTA GOLD CORP. 7961 SHAFFER PARKWAY, SUITE 5 LITTLETON, CO 80127

X

President and CEO

Signatures

/s/ Connie Martinez as attorney-in-fact for Frederick Hume Earnest

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: 33,333 on 3/9/2018; 33,333 on 3/9/2019; and 33,334 on 3/9/2020
- 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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