

PARAMOUNT GOLD & SILVER CORP.
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**UNITED STATES
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): March 3, 2015

PARAMOUNT GOLD AND SILVER CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-33630 20-3690109
(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

665 Anderson Street

Winnemucca, Nevada

89445

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(775) 625-3600

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instructions A.2 below):

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- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

Amendment to Agreement and Plan of Merger

On March 3, 2015, Paramount Gold and Silver Corp. ("Paramount"), Paramount Nevada Gold Corp., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Paramount ("SpinCo"), Coeur Mining, Inc. ("Coeur") and Hollywood Merger Sub, Inc. ("Merger Sub"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Coeur, entered into an Amendment to Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Amendment") to the previously disclosed Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of December 16, 2014 (the "Merger Agreement"), by and among Paramount, SpinCo, Coeur and Merger Sub. Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, Merger Sub will merge with and into Paramount, with Paramount surviving as the wholly-owned subsidiary of Coeur (the "Merger"). Pursuant to the Amendment, the condition to closing that each of Paramount and Coeur shall have received a written opinion from their respective counsel to the effect that the Merger will qualify as a "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code was amended so that the condition now requires that the parties shall have received a written opinion to the effect that the Merger should qualify as a "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, the maturity of the promissory note providing for a loan from Coeur to Paramount at the closing of the Merger was increased from one year to five years. Other than expressly modified pursuant to the Amendment, the Merger Agreement remains in full force and effect.

The foregoing description of the Amendment is not a complete description of all of the parties' rights and obligations under the Merger Agreement or the Amendment. The above description is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by reference to the Merger Agreement, which was filed as Exhibit 2.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") by Coeur on December 18, 2014, and the Amendment, which is filed as Exhibit 2.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This communication and related documents may include "forward-looking statements" including, but not limited to, statements related to the anticipated benefits of (and timing of the transactions contemplated by) the Merger Agreement. Forward-looking statements are statements that are not historical fact and are subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties which could cause actual events to differ materially from those reflected in the forward-looking statements including fluctuations in the price of gold, inability to complete drill programs on time and on budget, and future financing ability. Paramount's future expectations, beliefs, goals, plans or prospects constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and other applicable securities laws. Words such as "believes," "plans," "anticipates," "expects," "estimates" and similar expressions should also be considered to be forward-looking statements. There are a number of important factors that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from those indicated by such forward-looking statements, including, but not limited to: uncertainties involving interpretation of drilling results, environmental matters, lack of ability to obtain required permitting, equipment breakdown or disruptions, and the other factors described in Paramount's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2014 and its most recent quarterly reports filed with the SEC.

Except as required by applicable law, Paramount disclaims any intention or obligation to update any forward-looking statements as a result of developments occurring after the date of this document.

Additional Information and Where to Find It

The proposed transaction will be submitted to Paramount's stockholders for their consideration. In connection with the proposed transaction, Coeur will file with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 that will include a joint proxy statement of Coeur and Paramount that also constitutes a prospectus of Coeur. In addition, SpinCo, a subsidiary of Paramount, will file a registration statement on Form S-1 that will constitute a prospectus of SpinCo. Investors and security holders are urged to read the joint proxy statement and registration statements/prospectuses and any other relevant documents filed with the SEC, because they contain important information. Investors and security holders may obtain a free copy of the joint proxy statement/prospectus and other documents that Coeur and Paramount filed with the SEC at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. In addition, these documents may be obtained from Paramount free of charge by directing a request to ctheo@paramountgold.com, or from Coeur free of charge by directing a request to investors@coeur.com.

Participants in Solicitation

Paramount, Coeur, and certain of their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the proposed transaction under the rules of the SEC. Information regarding the names, affiliations and interests of Paramount's directors and executive officers may be found in Paramount's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2014, which was filed with the SEC on September 9, 2014, and its definitive proxy statement for its 2014 Annual Meeting, which was filed with the SEC on October 24, 2014. Investors and security holders may obtain information regarding the names, affiliations and interests of Coeur's directors and executive officers in Coeur's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, which was filed with the SEC on February 20, 2015, and its proxy statement for its 2014 Annual Meeting, which was filed with the SEC on March 31, 2014. These documents can be obtained free of charge from the sources listed above. Additional information regarding the interests of these individuals will also be included in the joint proxy statement/prospectus regarding the proposed transaction.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) List of Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
Exhibit 2.1	Amendment to Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of March 3, 2015, among Paramount Gold and Silver Corp., Paramount Nevada Gold Corp., Coeur Mining, Inc., and Hollywood Merger Sub, Inc.

SIGNATURE

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.

PARAMOUNT GOLD
AND SILVER CORP.

Date: March 6, 2015 By: /s/ Christopher Crupi
Name: Christopher
Crupi

Title: President and
Chief Executive Officer

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