

KINROSS GOLD CORP  
Form 6-K  
February 15, 2018  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16  
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of December, 2017

Commission File Number: 001-13382

KINROSS GOLD CORPORATION  
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

17th Floor, 25 York Street  
Toronto, Ontario M5J 2V5  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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This Current Report on Form 6-K, dated February 14, 2018 is specifically incorporated by reference into Kinross Gold Corporation's Registration Statements on Form S-8 (Registration Nos. 333-180822, 333-180823, 333-180824), filed on April 19, 2012.

This report on Form 6-K is being furnished for the sole purpose of providing a copy of the financial statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

KINROSS GOLD  
CORPORATION

Signed: /s/ Sunny  
Lowe  
Vice-President,  
Finance

February  
14, 2018