

NOVAGOLD RESOURCES INC  
 Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Leathley Gillyeard J.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 NOVAGOLD RESOURCES INC  
 [NG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/01/2016

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

C/O NOVAGOLD RESOURCES INC., 201 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUITE 400

(Street)

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

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

SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84111

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)
Common Shares	12/01/2016		A	(A) or (D) 1,942 (1)	\$ 0 89,256	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)**

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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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.62 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/01/2016		A	81,200	<sup>(3)</sup> 11/30/2021	Common Shares	81,200

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director   10% Owner   Officer   Other

Leathley Gillyeard J.  
 C/O NOVAGOLD RESOURCES INC.  
 201 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUITE 400  
 SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84111

## Signatures

/s/ Tricia Pannier as attorney-in-fact for Gillyeard J. Leathley

12/01/2016

\_\_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).

(1) Grant of Deferred Share Units (DSUs). Each DSU is the economic equivalent of one share of the Issuer's common stock. The underlying common shares will not be issued to the reporting person, and the reporting person shall not have any voting or dispositive rights with respect to the underlying common shares, until termination of the reporting person's employment or services as a director of NOVAGOLD RESOURCES INC. The grants will expire no later than 90 days after the reporting person's termination date.

(2) The exercise price reported above was converted from the Canadian exercise price of \$6.16 using an exchange rate of CAD\$1.3331=U.S.\$1.00.

(3) The options vest as follows: 1/3 on 12/1/2016; 1/3on 12/1/2017; and 1/3 on 12/1/2018.

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