

NOVAGOLD RESOURCES INC

Form 8-K

December 16, 2016

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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: December 15, 2016 (Date of earliest event reported)

NOVAGOLD RESOURCES INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

British Columbia      001-31913      N/A

(State of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification)

Suite 720, 789 West Pender Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V6C 1H2

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(604) 669-6227

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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

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Item 5.02(e) Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

On December 15, 2016, NOVAGOLD RESOURCES INC. (the "Company"), its wholly-owned subsidiary, NovaGold USA, Inc. ("NGUSA"), and David L. Deisley, the Company's Executive Vice President and General Counsel, entered into an amendment (the "Amendment") to Mr. Deisley's employment agreements dated September 4, 2012. In the Amendment, Mr. Deisley, the Company and NGUSA agree that Mr. Deisley's work schedule will be reduced to 75% of full-time effective January 1, 2017. The Amendment also reduces Mr. Deisley's annual salary and annual incentive potential by 25% effective January 1, 2017. Mr. Deisley's annual salary as of January 1, 2017 will be \$355,350, which represents 75% of his full-time salary. If Mr. Deisley returns to a full-time schedule pursuant to the terms of the Amendment, his annual salary and annual incentive potential shall be reinstated to their full-time amounts commencing upon his return to a full-time schedule. Mr. Deisley's annual salary under a full-time schedule would be \$473,800 as of January 1, 2017.

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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.

Dated: December 16, 2016 NOVAGOLD RESOURCES INC.

By: /s/ David A. Ottewell

David A. Ottewell

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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