UNITED STATES 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, 2009 Commission File Number: 001-13382 KINROSS GOLD CORPORATION (Translation of registrant's name into English)

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40F:

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Yes o No x

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This report on Form 6-K is being furnished for the sole purpose of providing a copy of the press release dated December 22, 2009 in which the Company announced the Kupol mine located in the Far East region of the Russian Federation became the first mine in Russia to obtain ICMI environmental certification

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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/ Shelley M. Riley

Vice President, Administration and Corporate Secretary

December 22, 2009.