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Merk Gold Trust
Form 8-K
March 31, 2015
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 31, 2015

MERK GOLD TRUST

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or
organization)

333-180868
(Commission File
Number)

46-6582016
(IRS Employer Identification
No.)

c/o Merk Investments LLC

332 Pine St, Suite 200
San Francisco, California 94014
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(650) 323-4341
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable
(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))

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On March 31, 2015, Robert Hills resigned from Merk Investments LLC, the Sponsor of the Merk Gold Trust (the “Trust”). In his capacity at Merk Investments LLC (the “Sponsor”), he served as Principal Financial and Principal Accounting Officer for the Trust. His resignation did not arise from any disagreement on any matter relating to the operations, policies or practices of the Trust.

On March 31, 2015, the Sponsor appointed Axel Merk to serve as Principal Financial and Principal Accounting Officer for the Trust, with immediate effect.

Mr. Merk is the founder of the Sponsor and has served as President, Chief Investment Officer and Manager of the Sponsor since its inception in December 2000. Mr. Merk oversees and directs the Sponsor’s business and operations, including its fulfillment of its obligations to the Trust. Mr. Merk founded Merk Investments AG in 1994, and served as Chief Investment Officer from 1994 to 2001, during which time he provided investment advisory services. In October 2001, Merk Investments AG transferred its advisory functions to the Sponsor, where Mr. Merk continues to provide advisory services and, since 2005, manages a family of currency mutual funds. Mr. Merk earned a B.A. in Economics (magna cum laude) and a M. Sc. in Computer Science from Brown University in 1991 and 1992, respectively. Mr. Merk is 45 years old.

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 in its capacity* hereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 31, 2015

MERK
INVESTMENTS
LLC
Sponsor of the
Merk Gold Trust

By: /s/ Axel Merk
Axel Merk
President and
Chief Investment
Officer
(Principal
Executive Officer
and Principal
Financial
Officer)

*The Registrant is a Trust, and the person specified above is signing in his capacity as an authorized officer of Merk Investments LLC, the Sponsor of the Registrant.