YAMANA GOLD INC. Form 6-K December 23, 2016

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Month of December 2016

Commission File Number 001-31880

Yamana Gold Inc. (Translation of registrant's name into English)

Royal Bank Plaza, North Tower, 200 Bay Street, Suite 2200, Toronto, ON M5J 2J3 (Address of principal executive offices)

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

YAMANA GOLD INC.

Date: December 23, 2016 By:/s/ Sofia Tsakos

Sofia Tsakos Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibits Number Description of Exhibit

99.1 YAMANA ANNOUNCES CLOSING OF BRIO GOLD PURCHASE RIGHTS OFFERING