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**FORM 6-K
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of **August, 2004**

Commission File Number **28980**

ROYAL STANDARD MINERALS INC.
(Translation of registrant's name into English)
3258 MOB NECK ROAD, HEATHSVILLE, VIRGINIA 22473
(Address of principal executive offices)

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

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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.

Royal Standard Minerals Inc.

(Registrant)

By: s\ Roland M. Larsen

(Signature)*

President & CEO

Date: August 24, 2004

* Print the name and title of the signing officer under his signature.

ROYAL STANDARD MINERALS INC.

C.U.S.I.P. # 780919106
LISTED: STANDARD & POORS

TSX.V:RSM
OTCBB:RYSMF

GOLDWEDGE PROJECT, NYE COUNTY, NEVADA **PROGRESS WITH DECLINE CONSTRUCTION**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SPARKS, NEVADA, AUGUST 24, 2004, ROYAL STANDARD MINERALS INC. commenced the decline construction phase of the program in late-June, 2004. At this point, a total of 307 feet of underground development has been constructed. The current plan is to continue the decline to 430 feet in length and commence the first crosscut into the structural zone at the 6,720 level.

The decline construction plan is expected to achieve access to the mineralized zone(s) in about 2-3 weeks. The current plan involves the development of a crosscut within an interval that was drill tested by RSM in May, 2004. This approach should reduce the time to access and commence the bulk sampling program which could begin in September, 2004.

Surface work to include the construction of the silt pond, ore pad and grading of the plant site have been initiated and are expected to be completed in September, 2004.

Preliminary gravity gold recovery work on RSM drill cuttings of the recently discovered West gold zone that returned 5' of 0.50 opt gold and other gold mineralized zones cut in this drilling have been initiated. The sampling of the West gold zone indicates that the interval contains coarse gold (up to 4 mm) and a wide distribution of gold grain sizes within the sample. This zone is different than other deeper mineralized intervals that have returned comparable gold grades that contain a much finer gold fraction. Bench testing of the underground sampling to include the West gold zone should furnish valuable data in regard to the gold distribution within the structural zones.

Preparations are being made to carry out bench testing of the initial bulk sampling program offsite. The Company is also in the process of constructing a small bench-scale gravity plant onsite.

RSM is an exploration and pre-development company with advanced gold projects in Nevada. The Canadian Venture Exchange does not accept responsibility for adequacy or accuracy of this release as per Exchange Policy 3.3 section 6.5.

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