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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 **September, 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.

Form 20-F...**X**..... 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: September 8, 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 DECLINE DEVELOPMENT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SPARKS, NEVADA, SEPTEMBER 8, 2004, ROYAL STANDARD MINERALS INC. (RSM)

The decline development program has continued to improve the daily rate of decline construction, the underground program has advanced the length of the decline to approximately 480 feet. The first crosscut has commenced and will include the construction of more than 500 feet of the across strike section and testing of all of the known and undiscovered gold mineralized structural zones near the 6720 level.

The crosscut is expected to traverse at least five (5) gold mineralized zones previously identified through drilling and will evaluate an area that was recently drill tested by RSM. The objectives of the underground program are to measure the widths and average grade of each gold zone, assess the gold mineralization controls, evaluate the rock properties and the mining conditions. This effort will be followed by detailed sampling of each of the gold bearing zones for metallurgical analysis. This work is expected to commence this month, September, 2004.

Another objective of the crosscut is to test the entire width of the structural zone that is believed to be greater than 100 feet wide. In addition to the higher grade gold intervals there is interest in the long sections of lower grade gold mineralization that occurs marginal to the higher grade intervals encountered in the drilling. This occurrence is demonstrated by the results of drill hole 04-02 (refer to PR 5-25-04) that has cut what is believed to be a nearly complete section of the mineralized structural zone that includes gold mineralization (0.100-10+ ppm gold) within a 330' interval (70' to 400', to the bottom of the drill hole).

Continued gravity testing of drill cuttings from the RSM drill holes indicates that the majority of the gold within this portion of the deposit may be recoverable with gravity methods. In addition, drill hole sample gold assay grades may reflect lower gold grades than the returns achieved from the recent gravity testing of larger samples selected for gravity analysis of the assayed intervals.

The Company has nearly completed the construction of the silt ponds for future water containment. The construction of an onsite laboratory scale gravity testing facility is in progress.

RSM is an exploration and pre-development company with advanced gold projects in Nevada.

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For more information

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