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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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Yes No ..**X**...

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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 15, 2004

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

ROYAL STANDARD MINERALS, INC.

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SPARKS NEVADA, SEPTEMBER 14, 2004. ROYAL STANDARD MINERALS INC. ("RSM") has granted an option (the "Option") to Sharpe Resources Corporation ("Sharpe") to acquire a 60% interest in RSM's gold project located in Lyon County, Nevada (the "Project"), in consideration for which Sharpe has issued 2,000,000 common shares to RSM at a deemed value of \$100,000 (Cdn.). To exercise the option, Sharpe must maintain the unpatented and patented mining claims on the Project, must pay all required option, annual advanced minimum royalty payments, and deliver a completed positive feasibility study in compliance with National Instrument 43-101 in respect of the Project. Upon exercise of the Option, Sharpe will hold a 60% working interest in the Project.

The Project consists of 79 unpatented and 5 patented mining claims located in Township 15 North, Range 22 East, Sections 11, 12, 13 and 14, MDB&M. The claims are within a Comstock Lode-type volcanic hosted epithermal gold-silver vein system or vein complex that extends from west to east for more than 10,000 feet. This property has had minor gold-silver production in the mid- late 1800's and considerable modern exploration by several major mining companies over the past 40 years with the latest effort completed in 2001.

The data indicates that this project has significant gold-silver deposit potential. Many of the gold-silver bearing structures have only been partially explored and include opportunities to expand both the strike and depth extents of the gold-silver mineralized structures.

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Royal Standard Minerals cautions that the statements made in this press release and other forward looking statements made on behalf of the Corporation may be affected by such other factors including, but not limited to, volatility of mineral prices, product demand, market competition, imprecision of mineral estimates, and other risks detailed herein and from time to time in the Securities and Exchange Commission filings of the Corporation.

For More Information

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Visit our website at <http://www.royal-standard.com>

Royal Standard shares are traded on the TSX Venture Exchange, symbol: RSM