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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 **October, 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: October 15, 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, OCTOBER 13, 2004, ROYAL STANDARD MINERALS INC. (RSM)**

The underground (decline) development program has advanced to approximately 683 feet in length. A total of 39 continuous 5 feet samples, to include rib, muck and drift face samples were collected within the (crosscut) section from 449 feet to 683 feet or 234 linear feet of sampling.

The results of the chemical analysis support the previous gold panning results indicating that the crosscut has intersected at least two significant gold zones. A drift face sample at the 658 feet interval returned 0.404 opt gold. Additional sampling and geologic analysis is scheduled to further evaluate the 33 feet section included within the interval 650 feet to 683 feet. A second significant gold mineralized zone has returned 10' of 0.335 opt gold that included 5' of 0.670 opt gold within the interval 670-680 feet. These intervals are within 15'-20 feet of a gold bearing zone cut in GW-04-02 that returned 20' of 0.20 opt gold that included 5' of 0.31 opt gold. Drill hole #2 is positioned approximately 20 feet below the crosscut floor/sill. These very significant results are more compelling for strong vertical extent to this zone in this portion of the deposit based on the results of drill hole MH-90-95 which lies approximately 50'-70' below the crosscut zone and drill hole #2 returned 25' of 0.625 opt gold and included 10 feet of 1.420 opt gold within this section. Laboratory analyses were carried out by BSI Inspectorate, Sparks, NV.

Plans include bulk sampling of this zone for gold recovery testing. RSM has purchased a used production scale gravity plant that is capable of processing more than 150 tons per hour. It includes nearly all of the equipment to carry out the bulk sample testing necessary to operate the plant and the gold recovery system on a production scale. The plant is expected to be on site at Goldwedge before the end of October, 2004. Gold mineralized bulk samples from the 6720 level will be accumulated for plant testing and gold recovery. Currently RSM has stockpiled approximately 100 tons of gold mineralized material with the objective of mining and stockpiling of at least 3,000 tons for startup of the onsite gravity recovery plant.

Subsequent to plant testing, RSM intends to maintain plant feed from the 6700 level by mining this high grade gold zone both north and south of the current crosscut. An underground drilling program is also planned to be carried out concurrently with the mining and bulk sampling effort.

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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