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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 **May, 2005**

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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Indicate by check mark whether by furnishing the information contained in this Form, the registrant is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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: May 16, 2005

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

ROYAL STANDARD MINERALS, INC.

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FINAL CLOSING OF PRIVATE PLACEMENT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SPARKS, NEVADA, MAY 16, 2005: ROYAL STANDARD MINERALS INC., (TSX-V-RSM)

Royal Standard Minerals Inc. (the "Corporation") is pleased to announce that it has completed its previously announced private placement, closing on a total of 12,182,000 units of the Corporation ("Units") at \$0.35 per Unit, raising gross proceeds of \$4,263,700.

Each Unit consisted of one common share of the Corporation (a "Common Share") and one-half of one Common Share purchase warrant (a "Warrant"). Each Warrant is exercisable at \$0.50 into one Common Share of the Corporation for two years.

The final closing of 3,432,000 Units was not brokered and took place on May 5, 2005 raising gross proceeds of \$1,201,200.

All securities issued in connection with the final closing are subject to resale restriction preventing such securities from being resold prior to September 5, 2005.

The proceeds of the private placement will be used to complete construction of the Company's Gold Wedge project surface and underground facilities in Nye County, Nevada.

The TSX Venture Exchange does not accept responsibility for adequacy or accuracy of this press release.

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