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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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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 17, 2005

* 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 RSM TO COMMENCE TEST MINING, DECLINE DEVELOPMENT AND STARTUP OF THE ONSITE GOLD RECOVERY PLANT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SPARKS, NEVADA, MAY 17, 2005, ROYAL STANDARD MINERALS INC. ("RSM") On the Company's Goldwedge project located in Nye County, Nevada, RSM is in the process of completing the surface facilities to include the silt pond and fresh water pond liners, the completion of the gold recovery plant, the crushing plant and the construction of the gold recovery plant containment building. All work is expected to be completed within the next 30 days.

RSM expects the underground effort, to include the test mining program of one of the gold mineralized structural zones to commence during the first week of June, 2005. Concurrently with the test mining program the Company will extend the main, haulage, decline an additional 400 feet in depth and complete second crosscut through the gold mineralized zones confirmed by surface drilling. Mine feed to the gold recovery (gravity) plant is expected to commence shortly after the startup of the test mining/bulk sampling effort.

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

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For more information

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