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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 **December, 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.

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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: December 16, 2005

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

ROYAL STANDARD MINERALS INC.

C.U.S.I.P. # 780919106
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PINON-RAILROAD PROJECT, ELKO COUNTY, NEVADA

Recent Drill Results from Railroad Gold-Silver project have expanded earlier resource estimates and support previous estimates of measured resource open pit grades indicate 58 meters (175 feet) of 2 grams per ton (0.06 opt) gold

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MANHATTAN, NEVADA, DECEMBER 15, 2005, ROYAL STANDARD MINERALS INC. ("RSM") A recent drilling program on the POD open pit gold-silver oxide and the adjoining East Jasperoid resource was recently completed to obtain samples for metallurgical analysis of the deposit and to carry out the necessary extension drilling in areas where the projection of the deposits were not adequately drilled.

Drilling results from Railroad have expanded the earlier resource evaluation for open pit mining. POD-05-01 was drilled primarily for metallurgical testing as the continuation of the deposit below a trench that was excavated and sampled for column leach testing. The bulk sample from the trench represents the oxidized top of the deposit covered by 20 feet of soil and gravel. The average grade of the trench sample is 2.43 grams gold or 0.071 ounces gold per ton and represents the approximate grade of the mine diluted bulk deposit as determined from the resource pit model. The drill hole contains 58 meters (175 feet) of 2 grams gold per ton (0.060 ounces gold per ton) at a depth from 30 feet to 205 feet.

Five drill holes were designed to expand the POD resource southeast into an area where the shallow open pit will ramp into the deeper higher grade deposit that trends toward the northwest as reported in a previous press release dated, December 10, 2005.

Drill holes POD-05-02, 3, 5, 6 and 7 tested for oxide mineralization extending to the surface along the south side of the deposit and in the high wall of the planned open pit. Drill holes 05, 06 and 07 represent 300 feet offsets to current drilling. The results of the drilling have added new resource in areas previously mapped as overburden. . Drill holes 3, 5, 6 and 7 have resulted in the expansion of the proposed open pit margin returning gold grades of less than 1 gram per ton as follows: hole 03 includes 13 meters of 0.38 grams per ton (gpt), hole 05 includes 30 meters of 0.41 gpt, hole 06 include 28 meters of 0.48 grams per ton and hole 07 includes 30 meters of 0.58 grams per ton gold.

Routine check sampling for holes POD-05-01, POD-05-02, and POD-05-07 was completed as part of the quality control of the company lab. The results from American Assay Labs in Sparks Nevada show close comparison to the in-house lab results as follows:

| | Sample (feet depth) | In-house lab (opt) | American Assay Lab (opt) |
|-----------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| POD-05-01 | 30-35 | 0.046 | 0.044 |
| | 55-60 | 0.123 | 0.102 |
| | 80-85 | 0.071 | 0.065 |
| | 100-105 | 0.036 | 0.033 |
| | 120-125 | 0.139 | 0.122 |
| | 140-145 | 0.017 | 0.016 |
| | 170-175 | 0.073 | 0.064 |
| | 190-195 | 0.048 | 0.047 |
| | 200-205 | 0.017 | 0.012 |
| POD-05-02 | 80-85 | 0.033 | 0.021 |
| | 100-105 | 0.058 | 0.045 |
| | 110-115 | 0.066 | 0.061 |
| | 145-150 | 0.118 | 0.117 |
| | 165-170 | 0.150 | 0.113 |
| | 185-190 | 0.203 | 0.158 |
| | 205-210 | 0.327 | 0.219 |
| | 220-225 | 0.166 | 0.145 |
| | 240-245 | 0.073 | 0.064 |
| POD-05-07 | 265-270 | 0.023 | 0.017 |
| | 110-115 | 0.027 | 0.024 |
| | 130-135 | 0.029 | 0.022 |
| | 160-165 | 0.016 | 0.018 |
| | 180-185 | 0.015 | 0.010 |

RSM is a Nevada gold-silver exploration company with eight (8) active projects in the State. Currently the Company's 100% controlled Goldwedge project located in Nye County is its most advanced project.

The TSX Venture Exchange does not accept responsibility for adequacy or accuracy of this release as per Exchange Policy 3.3 section 6.5.

Royal Standard Minerals cautions that the statements made in this press release and other forward looking statements made on behalf of the Company 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 Company.

For more information

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