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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of October, 2009

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)

Indicated by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.
Form 20-F ☒ Form 40-F

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K in paper as permitted by Regulations S-T Rule 101(b)(1):

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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 ☒

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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.

Date: October 9, 2009
By \S\ Roland M. Larsen
President & CEO

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ROYAL STANDARD MINERALS INC.

**Exercises its option to purchase unpatented and patented
mining claim groups in Churchill and Nye Counties,
Nevada for \$600,000**

Royal Standard Minerals, (RYSMF-OTCBB), Manhattan, Nevada, October 6, 2009, **(C.U.S.I.P780919106) ("RSM")** announces that it has exercised its option to purchase under an agreement with Dixie Comstock Exploration Co. and Anthony Selig unpatented and patented mining claim groups in Churchill County, and the Manhattan District claims in Nye County, Nevada for \$600 thousand. These claim groups offer a good strategic fit to help support future growth of the Company's gold-silver program in Nevada.

RSM is a Nevada based natural resource exploration and development company,
www.royalstandardminerals.com

For further information about this release contact Mr. Roland Larsen, (775) 487-2454 and/or Mr. Rich Kaiser, Investor Relations, 800-631-8127.

Royal Standard Minerals cautions that the statements made in this press release constitute forward looking statements, and no guarantees of future performance and actual results or developments may differ materially from the projections in the forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are based on the estimates and opinions of management at the time the statements are made.

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