

Exhibit 23.1

CONSENT OF  
BROWN ARMSTRONG PAULDEN  
McCOWN HILL STARBUCK & KEETER  
ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION

May 9, 2002

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement of Royale Energy, Inc., on Form S-3, of our report dated May 9, 2002, appearing in the Annual Report on Form 10-KSB of Royale Energy, Inc., for the year ended December 31, 2001, and to the reference to us under the heading "Experts" in the Prospectus which is part of this Registration Statement.

*BROWN ARMSTRONG PAULDEN*  
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