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RSM FIRES UP THE GOLD (GRAVITY) RECOVERY PLANT AT THE GOLDWEDGE PROJECT, NYE COUNTY, NEVADA

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MANHATTAN, NEVADA, DECEMBER 12, 2005, ROYAL STANDARD MINERALS INC. (“RSM”) RSM has commenced testing the gold recovery plant at the Goldwedge Project in Nye County, Nevada. The plant and surface facilities have been under construction for more than 12 months. This work has included the construction of required surface facilities to include two fresh water containment ponds, mill waste rock containment/leach pad area and the construction of a 15,000 square foot building to house the primary plus secondary grinding and the gravity recovery facilities. The building contains a crushing and screening plant, a wash plant, a jig recovery plant, ball mill, and a series of gold tables to complete gold recovery. The facility also includes a furnace for smelting/refining the gold concentrate product – to be poured onsite in a secured area.

The initial program for running the plant is expected to include approximately 30-60 days of test work to develop the necessary refinements to maximize the plants gold recovery as production levels are increased. This plant is designed for a minimum throughput of 500 tons per day and has the capability to more than double this rate. Stockpiled mine run material and current mined material will be utilized in the testing phase.

RSM plans to start a surface drilling program at Goldwedge in early January, 2006. The drilling program will concentrate on testing the down plunge extension of the property near the contact of the Manhattan caldera.

The Company has recently taken delivery of underground mining equipment as part of a program to expand its underground capability. The test mining program has resulted in considerable useful information in regard mining conditions and potential mining methods to explore and develop the property.

The Company’s 100% controlled Goldwedge project located in Nye County is the most advanced project.

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