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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

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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.

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