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**Royal Gold to Present at the Merrill Lynch Canada 14th Annual Mining Conference**
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DENVER, Aug. 28 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- ROYAL GOLD , INC. (Nasdaq: RGLD; TSX: RGL), the leading precious metals royalty company, announced today that management will present at the Merrill Lynch Canada 14th Annual Mining Conference in Toronto, Canada. The Merrill Lynch Conference is an invitation-only conference for institutional investors, mining analysts and the executive management of North American mining companies.

Tony Jensen , President and Chief Executive Officer, will address conference participants on September 4, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time (8:00 a.m. Mountain Time) in a presentation lasting approximately 25 minutes. The presentation will be available for viewing by accessing the Company's website under the Investor Relations/Presentations section.

Royal Gold is a precious metals royalty company engaging in the acquisition and management of precious metals royalty interests. Royal Gold is publicly traded on the NASDAQ National Market System, under the symbol "RGLD" and on the Toronto Stock Exchange, under the symbol "RGL." The Company's web page is located at http://www.royalgold.com.

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