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ROYAL GOLD, INC

World Class Royalty Company

Royal Gold Announces Common Stock Offering
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DENVER, April 6 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- *ROYAL GOLD, INC. (Nasdaq: RGLD; TSX: RGL)*, a leading precious metals royalty company,announced today that it intends to offer 6.5 million shares of its common stock pursuant to the Company's shelf registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and a shelf prospectus filed with certain Canadian Securities regulatory authorities. The Company has granted the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to 975,000 additional shares of common stock to cover over-allotments, if any.

Royal Gold will use a portion of the net proceeds of this offering to fund the Andacollo transaction that was announced today. Pursuant to the acquisition agreement, the initial cash portion of the purchase price of $100 million will be increased by 50% of the net proceeds from this offering, and the initial stock portion of the purchase price of 4,454,136 shares will be decreased by 50% of the shares sold in this offering. The remaining net proceeds will be used to fund future acquisitions and for general corporate purposes. Further description is available in the prospectus supplement for this offering.

HSBC Securities (USA) Inc. is the global coordinator and acting as joint book-runner with Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Scotia Capital (USA) Inc. Merrill Lynch & Co. and NBF Securities (USA) Corp. are acting as co-managers.

This offering may be made only by means of a prospectus and a prospectus supplement. Once filed, copies of the preliminary prospectus supplement and the base shelf prospectus relating to the offering may be obtained by either contacting the following underwriters or by accessing the Securities and Exchange Commission website, *www.sec.gov*:

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Fax: 646-366-3165
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Goldman, Sachs & Co.
Attn: Prospectus Dept.
85 Broad Street
New York, NY 10004
Phone: 212-902-1171 or
Toll free:  866-471-2526
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In Canada, a copy of the prospectus and prospectus supplement may be obtained from:

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Royal Gold is a precious metals royalty company engaged in the acquisition and management of precious metal royalty interests. The Company owns royalties on 117 properties on five continents, including royalties on 25 producing mines and 10 development stage projects. Royal Gold is publicly traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol "RGLD," and on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol "RGL."

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