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ROYALGOLD, INC

World Class Royalty Company

Royal Gold Announces Third Quarter Dividend

DENVER, COLORADO. **MAY 25, 2012: ROYAL GOLD, INC. (NASDAQ:RGLD; TSX:RGL)**, today announced that its Board of Directors has declared its third quarter dividend of US$0.15 per share of common stock. The dividend is payable on July 20, 2012 to shareholders of record at the close of business on July 6, 2012. The quarterly dividend of US$0.15 is also payable to holders of exchangeable shares of RG Exchangeco. This dividend is designated as an "eligible dividend" for Canadian tax purposes.

Royal Gold is a precious metals royalty company engaged in the acquisition and management of precious metal royalties and similar interests. The Company's portfolio consists of 193 properties on six continents, including interests on 39 producing mines and 25 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." The Company's website is located at **www.royalgold.com**.

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