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ROYAL GOLD, INC

World Class Royalty Company

**Royal Gold Announces 4,000,000 Share Common Stock Offering**
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**Royal Gold, Inc. (NASDAQ:RGLD)(TSX:RGL)** announced today that it has agreed to sell 4.0 million common shares of Royal Gold to Goldman, Sachs & Co. in an underwritten at-the-market public offering. The last reported sale price of Royal Gold's common stock on the NASDAQ Global Select Market on January 9, 2012 was $70.34 per share. The offering is expected to close on January 13, 2012, subject to customary closing conditions. Goldman, Sachs & Co. is acting as the sole underwriter for the offering.

Royal Gold intends to use the net proceeds of this offering for the acquisition of additional royalty or similar interests, to fund near-term obligations resulting from the recent Mt. Milligan acquisition and to repay debt, including debt incurred to fund the acquisition of an additional property interest in the gold production of the Mt. Milligan project in December 2011.

The offering will be made pursuant to the Company's effective shelf registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and a shelf prospectus filed with Canadian securities regulatory authorities in all provinces other than Quebec under the Multijurisdictional Disclosure System ("MJDS"). A preliminary prospectus supplement relating to the offering has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. A shelf prospectus has been filed with the securities regulatory authorities in Canadian Provinces other than Quebec and a preliminary prospectus supplement will be filed with such regulatory authorities under the MJDS. 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 underwriter or by accessing the Securities and Exchange Commission website, www.sec.gov:

Goldman, Sachs & Co.
Attn: Prospectus Dept.
200 West St.
New York, NY 10282-2198
Phone: 212-902-1171 or
Toll free: 866-471-2526
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Email: Prospectus-ny@ny.email.gs.com

In Canada, a copy of the prospectus and prospectus supplement may be obtained by either contacting the above underwriter or by accessing the SEDAR website at www.sedar.com.

This news release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state or jurisdiction in which the offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state or jurisdiction. The securities being offered have not been approved or disapproved by any regulatory authority, nor has any such authority passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of the prospectus supplement, the prospectus or the Company's shelf registration statement.

**CORPORATE PROFILE**

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 187 properties on six continents, including interests on 37 producing mines and 22 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."

Cautionary "Safe Harbor" Statement Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: With the exception of historical matters, the matters discussed in this press release include forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from projections or estimates contained herein. Such forward-looking statements include statements regarding future sales of common stock and the use of proceeds from such sales. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from such forward looking statements include, among others, precious metals prices, economic and market conditions and the availability of attractive acquisition opportunities, as well as other factors described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Most of these factors are beyond the Company's ability to predict or control. The Company disclaims any obligation to update any forward-looking statement made herein. Readers are cautioned not to put undue reliance on forward-looking statements.

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