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### ROYALE ENERGY RECOGNIZED AS NOTED TRAILBLAZER IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF CALIFORNIA SHALE PLAY

**SAN DIEGO, CA – July 9, 2007--** Royale Energy, Inc. (NASDAQ: [ROYL](#)), today announced it has been recognized in the editorial, "Stealth Shales" as reported in the July, 2007 issue of Oil and Gas Investor.

The publication is a leading source for oil and gas executives and financial managers about North American E&P opportunities.

This month's issue of Oil and Gas Investor explores in depth the recent development of shale plays throughout the country and Royale Energy's involvement in unearthing this untapped reserve that has sparked much discussion in the oil and gas industry.

The article highlights Royale Energy's plan to produce the Miocene Monterey shale formation in the Rio Bravo Field, California. The Monterey shale is the primary source rock for most of the San Joaquin basin's prolific fields including Elk Hills, Midway/Sunset and Belridge. It has also recently been targeted as a proved unconventional producing horizon. In the North Shafter field, the closest analog to Rio Bravo, Texas Crude, EOG Resources and Chevron Texaco have produced in excess of 7 million barrels of light sweet oil reserves from the Monterey shale to date.

Royale's initial operations will consist of completing and testing the Weber 27-27 well in the Monterey shale interval. The Weber well encountered significant oil and gas shows in several intervals within its vertical wellbore prior to being horizontally drilled to test the lowest show.

"We're very excited about how this fits into Royale's strategic plan to blend more oil into our production mix, and to expand our core operations in California," says Stephen Hosmer, chief financial officer.

Completion operations are scheduled to commence this week.

#### **About the Company**

Headquartered in San Diego, Royale Energy, Inc. is an independent energy company. The company is focused on development, acquisition, exploration, and production of natural gas and oil in California, Texas and the Rocky Mountains. It has been a leading independent producer of oil and natural gas for over 20 years. The company's strength is continually reaffirmed by investors who participate in funding over 50% of the company's new projects. Additional information about Royale Energy, Inc. is available on its web site at [www.royl.com](http://www.royl.com).

#### **Forward Looking Statements**

In addition to historical information contained herein, this news release contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, subject to various risks and uncertainties that could cause the company's actual results to differ materially from those in the "forward-looking" statements. While the company believes its forward looking statements are based upon reasonable assumptions, there are factors that are difficult to predict and that are influenced by economic and other conditions beyond the company's control. Investors are directed to consider such risks and other uncertainties discussed in documents filed by the company with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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