

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 10-Q**

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Quarterly Period Ended March 31, 2021

Commission File No. 000-55912

**ROYALE ENERGY, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**81-4596368**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**1870 Cordell Court, Suite 210**

**El Cajon, CA 92020**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**619-383-6600**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act during the past 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company or an emerging growth company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Check one:

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a blank check company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common stock, par value .001 per share	ROYL	OTC: QB

At May 4, 2021, a total of 55,760,696 shares of registrant's common stock were outstanding.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

ROYALE ENERGY, INC.  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	<u>March 31, 2021</u>	<u>December 31, 2020</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	(unaudited)	
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	310,617	255,112
Restricted Cash	1,999,256	2,146,571
Other Receivables, net	526,252	462,777
Revenue Receivables	208,534	204,149
Assets Held for Sale	1,529,141	1,529,141
Prepaid Expenses	55,380	233,769
Prepaid Drilling to RMX Resources, LLC	183,916	239,036
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>4,813,096</u>	<u>5,070,555</u>
Right of Use Assets - Leases	184,881	229,516
Other Assets	583,554	583,554
Oil and Gas Properties, (Successful Efforts Basis), Equipment and Fixtures, net	2,441,623	2,541,001
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>8,023,154</u>	<u>8,424,626</u>

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

**ROYALE ENERGY, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>March 31, 2021</b>	<b>December 31, 2020</b>
	(unaudited)	
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	4,622,556	4,161,109
Royalties Payable	623,405	623,405
Notes Payable	123,123	132,624
Due to RMX Resources, LLC	23,087	23,087
Asset Retirement Obligation - Current	869,147	869,147
Deferred Drilling Obligation	2,747,439	3,127,500
Operating Leases - Current	142,072	178,120
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>9,150,829</b>	<b>9,114,992</b>
<b>Noncurrent Liabilities:</b>		
Accrued Liabilities - Long Term	1,306,605	1,306,605
Accrued Unpaid Guaranteed Payments	1,616,205	1,616,205
Operating Leases - Long Term	44,502	52,937
Asset Retirement Obligation	2,502,907	2,478,350
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>14,621,048</b>	<b>14,569,089</b>
<b>Mezzanine Equity:</b>		
Convertible Preferred Stock, Series B, \$10 par value, 3,000,000 Shares Authorized	22,407,956	22,216,238
<b>Stockholders' Equity (Deficit):</b>		
Common Stock, .001 Par Value, 280,000,000 Shares Authorized	55,628	54,605
Additional Paid in Capital	54,001,192	53,883,479
Accumulated Deficit	(83,062,670)	(82,298,785)
<b>Total Stockholders' Equity (Deficit)</b>	<b>(29,005,850)</b>	<b>(28,360,701)</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity (Deficit)</b>	<b>8,023,154</b>	<b>8,424,626</b>

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

**ROYALE ENERGY, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)**

	<b>For the 3 months ended March 31, 2021</b>	<b>For the 3 months ended March 31, 2020</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Oil, NGL and Gas Sales	398,937	374,485
Supervisory Fees and Other	2,326	9,329
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>401,263</b>	<b>383,814</b>
<b>Costs and Expenses:</b>		
Oil and Gas Lease Operating	300,162	403,453
Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization	124,405	79,935
Bad Debt Expense	74	186,168
Legal and Accounting	218,763	86,535
Marketing	39,049	34,394
General and Administrative	564,983	521,063
<b>Total Costs and Expenses</b>	<b>1,247,436</b>	<b>1,311,548</b>
Gain on Turnkey Drilling	264,780	37,775
(Loss) From Operations	(581,393)	(889,959)
<b>Other Income (Expense):</b>		
Interest Expense	(835)	(4,030)
Gain (Loss) on Settlement of Accounts Payable	10,061	(31,500)
Gain on Investment in Joint Venture	-	1,309,851
<b>Income (Loss) Before Income Tax Expense</b>	<b>(572,167)</b>	<b>384,362</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(572,167)</b>	<b>384,362</b>
Less: Preferred Stock Dividend	191,718	187,200
<b>Net Income (Loss) Available to Common Stock</b>	<b>(763,885)</b>	<b>197,162</b>
Shares Used in Computing Basic Net Loss Per Share	55,144,668	52,113,929
Basic and Diluted (Loss) Per Share	(0.01)	0.00
Shares Used in Computing Diluted Net Loss Per Share	55,144,668	77,262,954
Diluted Net Income (Loss) Per Share	(0.01)	0.00

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

**ROYALE ENERGY, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)**  
**FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2021 AND 2020**

	<u>March 31, 2021</u>	<u>March 31, 2020</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net Income (Loss)	(572,167)	384,362
<b>Cash Used in Operating Activities:</b>		
Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization	124,405	79,935
(Gain) on Turnkey Drilling Programs	(264,780)	(37,775)
(Gain) Loss on Settlement of Accounts Payable	(10,061)	31,500
(Gain) on Investment in Joint Venture	-	(1,309,851)
Bad Debt Expense	74	186,168
Stock Based Compensation	118,736	53,336
Right of use asset depreciation	2,740	2,734
Changes in assets and liabilities		
Other & Revenue Receivables	(67,934)	190,205
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	233,509	564,244
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	410,062	(869,090)
Due to Affiliate	-	(9,280)
Net Cash (Used in) Operating Activities	<u>(25,416)</u>	<u>(733,512)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Expenditures for Oil and Gas Properties and Other Capital Expenditures	(1,524,806)	(1,719,948)
Proceeds from Turnkey Drilling Programs	1,461,000	1,175,000
Net Cash (Used in) Investing Activities	<u>(63,806)</u>	<u>(544,948)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Principal Payments on Long-Term Debt	(2,588)	(58,010)
Net Cash (Used in) Financing Activities	<u>(2,588)</u>	<u>(58,010)</u>
<b>Net (Decrease in) Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>(91,810)</b>	<b>(1,336,470)</b>
Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Restricted Cash at Beginning of Period	2,401,683	3,876,529
Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Restricted Cash at End of Period	<u>2,309,873</u>	<u>2,540,059</u>
Cash Paid for Interest	<u>835</u>	<u>4,030</u>
Cash Paid for Taxes	<u>4,344</u>	<u>2,850</u>
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF NON-CASH INVESTING &amp; FINANCING TRANSACTIONS:</b>		
Increase (Decrease) in Capital Accrued Balance	51,945	954,707

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

**ROYALE ENERGY, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)**  
**(UNAUDITED)**

	<u>Common Stock</u>		<u>Preferred Stock Series B</u>		<u>Additional Paid in Capital</u>	<u>Accumulated Comprehensive Deficit</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Number of Shares Issued and Outstanding</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number of Shares Issued and Outstanding</u>	<u>Amount</u>			
	December 31, 2019 Balance	51,854,136	51,854	2,145,334			
Stock Issued in lieu of Compensation	377,763	377	-	-	52,959	-	53,336
Preferred Series B 3.5% Dividend	-	-	18,720	187,200	-	(187,200)	-
Net Loss	-	-	-	-	-	384,362	384,362
Reclassify Preferred B to Mezzanine	-	-	(2,164,054)	(21,640,538)	-	-	(21,640,538)
March 31, 2020 Balance	<u>52,231,899</u>	<u>52,231</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,602,502</u>	<u>(73,190,576)</u>	<u>(19,535,843)</u>

	<u>Common Stock</u>		<u>Preferred Stock Series B</u>		<u>Additional Paid in Capital</u>	<u>Accumulated Comprehensive Deficit</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Number of Shares Issued and Outstanding</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number of Shares Issued and Outstanding</u>	<u>Amount</u>			
	December 31, 2020 Balance	54,605,488	54,605	-			
Stock Issued in lieu of Compensation	1,023,413	1,023	-	-	117,713	-	118,736
Preferred Series B 3.5% Dividend	-	-	-	-	-	(191,718)	(191,718)
Net Loss	-	-	-	-	-	(572,167)	(572,167)
March 31, 2021 Balance	<u>55,628,901</u>	<u>55,628</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,001,192</u>	<u>(83,062,670)</u>	<u>(29,005,850)</u>

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

**ROYALE ENERGY, INC.**  
**NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements (“statements”) include all adjustments necessary to present fairly the Company’s financial position and the results of its operations and cash flows for the periods presented. The results of operations for the three-month period are not, in management’s opinion, indicative of the results to be expected for a full year of operations. It is suggested that these financial statements be read in conjunction with the financial statements and the notes thereto included in the Company’s latest annual report as filed on Form 10-K.

Liquidity and Going Concern

The primary sources of liquidity have historically been issuances of common stock, oil and gas sales through ongoing operations and the sale of oil and gas properties. There are factors that give rise to substantial doubt about the Company’s ability to meet liquidity demands, and we anticipate that our primary sources of liquidity will be from the issuance of debt and/or equity, the sale of oil and natural gas property participation interests through our normal course of business and the sale of non-strategic assets. At March 31, 2021, the Company has \$1.529 million in Long Lived Assets Held for Sale (see Prospective East LA Sale below).

At March 31, 2021, the Company’s consolidated financial statements reflect a working capital deficiency of \$4,337,733 and a net loss from operations of \$581,393. These factors raise substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern. The accompanying consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments that might be necessary if the Company is unable to continue as a going concern.

Management’s plans to alleviate the going concern by cost control measures that include the reduction of overhead costs and the sale of non-strategic assets. There is no assurance that additional financing will be available when needed or that management will be able to obtain financing on terms acceptable to the Company and whether the Company will become profitable and generate positive operating cash flow. If the Company is unable to raise sufficient additional funds, it will have to develop and implement a plan to further extend payables, attempt to extend note repayments, and reduce overhead until sufficient additional capital is raised to support further operations. There can be no assurance that such a plan will be successful.

Prospective East LA Sale

The Company and its joint venture partner, RMX, have entered into a purchase and sales agreement as well as a second amendment to that certain purchase and sales agreement extending the closing date to the second quarter of 2021. The Company carries these assets on the books for \$1.9 million with an ARO amount of approximately \$1.1 million for the existing wells and facilities located on the properties providing a net book value of approximately \$0.846 million. The sale would require the Company to plug and abandon the wells on the property and remove and restore the surface land with an estimated cost of \$0.721 million. The sale price is approximately \$1.0 million to the Company. At December 31, 2020 the Company recorded a loss on the pending sale of these properties of \$0.567 million and reflect Assets Held for Sale of \$1.0 million reflected in current assets with an ARO balance of \$0.721 million in current liabilities.

Consolidation

The accompanying financial statements include the accounts of Royale Energy, Inc. (sometimes called the “Company” “we,” “our,” “us,” “Royale Energy,” or “Royale”), Royale Energy Funds, Inc. (“REF”), and Matrix Oil Management Corporation and its subsidiaries. All entities comprising the financial statements of Royale Energy have fiscal years ending December 31. All material intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in the financial statements.

Use of Estimates

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Material estimates that are particularly susceptible to significant change relate to the estimate of Company oil and gas reserves prepared by an independent engineering consultant. Such estimates are subject to numerous uncertainties inherent in the estimation of quantities of proven reserves. Estimated reserves are used in the calculation of depletion, depreciation and amortization, unevaluated property costs, impairment of oil and natural gas properties, estimated future net cash flows, taxes, and contingencies.



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### Revenue Recognition

The majority of our ongoing revenues are derived from the sale of crude oil and condensate, natural gas liquids ("NGLs") and natural gas under spot and term agreements with our customers.

	For the three months ended March 31	
	2021	2020
Oil & Condensate Sales	\$ 312,569	\$ 240,841
Natural Gas Sales	86,368	133,644
NGL Sales	-	-
Total	\$ 398,937	\$ 374,485

The pricing in our hydrocarbon sales agreements are variable, determined using various published benchmarks which are adjusted for negotiated quality and location differentials. As a result, revenue collected under our agreements with customers is highly dependent on the market conditions and may fluctuate considerably as the hydrocarbon market prices rise or fall. Typically, our customers pay us monthly, within a short period of time after we deliver the hydrocarbon products. As such, we do not have any financing element associated with our contracts. We do not have any issues related to returns or refunds, as product specifications are standardized for the industry and are typically measured when transferred to a common carrier or midstream entity, and other contractual mechanisms (e.g., price adjustments) are used when products do not meet those specifications.

We often serve as the operator for jointly owned oil and gas properties. As part of this role, we perform activities to explore, develop and produce oil and gas properties in accordance with the joint operating arrangement and collective decisions of the joint parties. Other working interest owners reimburse us for costs incurred based on our agreements. We determined that these activities are not performed as part of customer relationships, and such reimbursements are recorded as cost reimbursements.

We commonly market the share of production belonging to other working interest owners as the operator of jointly owned oil and gas properties. Those marketing activities are carried out as part of the collaborative arrangement, and we do not purchase or otherwise obtain control of other working interest owners' share of production. Therefore, we act as a principal only in regards to the sale of our share of production and recognize revenue for the volumes associated with our net production.

The Company frequently sells a portion of the working interest in each well it drills or participates in, to third-party investors and retains a portion of the prospect for its own account. The Company typically guarantees a cost to drill to the third-party drilling participants and records a loss or gain on the difference between the guaranteed price and the actual cost to drill the well. When monies are received from third parties for future drilling obligations, the Company records the liability as Deferred Drilling Obligations. Once the contracted depth for the drilling of the well is reached and a determination as to the commercial viability of the well (typically call "Casing Point Election" or "Logging Point"), the difference in the actual cost to drill and the guaranteed cost is recorded as income or expense depending on whether there was a gain or loss.

### Crude Oil and Condensate

For the crude sales agreements, we satisfy our performance obligations and recognize revenue once customers take control of the crude at the designated delivery points, which include pipelines, trucks or vessels.

### Natural Gas and NGLs

When selling natural gas and NGLs, we engage midstream entities to process our production stream by separating natural gas from the NGLs. Frequently, these midstream entities also purchase our natural gas and NGLs under the same agreements. In these situations, we determined the performance obligation is complete and satisfied at the tailgate of the processing plant when the natural gas and NGLs become identifiable and measurable products. We determined the plant tailgate is the point in time where control, as defined in the new revenue standard, is transferred to midstream entities and they are entitled to significant risks and rewards of ownership of the natural gas and NGLs.

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The amounts due to midstream entities for gathering and processing services are recognized as shipping and handling cost and included as lease operating expense in our consolidated statement of operations, since we make those payments in exchange for distinct services with the exception of natural gas sold to Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) where transportation is netted directly against revenue. Under some of our natural gas processing agreements, we have an option to take the processed natural gas and NGLs in-kind and sell to customers other than the processing company. In those circumstances, our performance obligations are complete after delivering the processed hydrocarbons to the customer at the designated delivery points, which may be the tailgate of the processing plant or an alternative delivery point requested by the customer.

### Turnkey Drilling

Royale sponsors turnkey drilling arrangements in proved and unproved properties. The contracts require that participants pay Royale the full contract price upon execution of the drilling agreement. Each participant earns an undivided interest in the well bore at the completion of the well. A portion of the funds received in advance of the drilling of a well from a working interest participant are held for the expressed purpose of drilling a well. If something changes, the Company may designate these funds for a substitute well. Under certain conditions, a portion of these funds may be required to be returned to a participant. Once the well is drilled, the funds are used to satisfy the drilling cost.

These Turnkey Agreements are managed by the Company for the participants of the well. The collections of pre-drilling AFE amounts are segregated by the Company and the gains and losses on the Turnkey Agreements are recorded in income or expense at the time of the casing point election in accordance with ASC 932-323-25 and 932-360. The Company manages the performance obligation for the well participants and only records revenue or expense at the time the performance obligation of the Turnkey Agreement has been satisfied. Funds received in excess of cost are recognized as Gain on Turnkey Drilling, while cost that exceed participant funds are recorded as capitalized drilling costs.

### Restricted Cash

Prior to commencement of drilling, Royale classifies turnkey drilling funds as restricted cash based on guidance codified as under the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 230-10-50-8. In the event that progress payments are made from these funds, they are recorded as Prepaid Expenses and Other Current Assets.

The following table provides a reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash reported within the consolidated balance sheet that sum to the total of the same amounts shown in the statement of cash flows.

	<b>March 31, 2021</b>	<b>December 31, 2020</b>
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 310,617	\$ 255,112
Restricted Cash	1,999,256	2,146,571
Total cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash shown in the statement of cash flows	<u>\$ 2,309,873</u>	<u>\$ 2,401,683</u>

### Equity Method Investments

Investments in entities over which we have significant influence, but not control, are accounted for using the equity method of accounting. Income from equity method investments represents our proportionate share of net income generated by the equity method investees and is reflected in revenue and other income in our condensed consolidated statements of operations. Equity method investments are included as noncurrent assets on the consolidated balance sheet.

Equity method investments are assessed for impairment whenever changes in the facts and circumstances indicate a loss in value may have occurred as called for under ASC 323. When a loss is deemed to have occurred and is other than temporary, the carrying value of the equity method investment is written down to fair value, and the amount of the write-down is included in income.

At year-end 2020, we evaluated our investment in RMX and determined that an allowance for the full value of the asset was warranted. As a result of the valuation allowance, the Company has not included any gain or loss on its Investment in Joint Venture for the period ended March 31, 2021. During the period ended March 31, 2020, the Company recorded a gain of \$1,309,851 reflecting our share of net earnings or losses directly attributable to this equity method investment. For the period ending March 31, 2021, no gain or loss was recorded as a result of the valuation allowance.

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### Other Receivables

Other receivables consist of joint interest billing receivables from direct working interest investors and industry partners. We provide for uncollectible accounts receivable using the allowance method of accounting for bad debts. Under this method of accounting, a provision for uncollectible accounts is charged directly to bad debt expense when it becomes probable the receivable will not be collected. The allowance account is increased or decreased based on past collection history and management's evaluation of accounts receivable. All amounts considered uncollectible are charged against the allowance account and recoveries of previously charged off accounts are added to the allowance. At March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, the Company maintained an allowance for uncollectible accounts of \$2,582,093, for receivables from direct working interest investors whose expenses on non-producing wells were unlikely to be collected from revenue.

### Fair Value Measurements

According to Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures Topic of the FASB ASC, assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring and nonrecurring basis in period subsequent to initial recognition, the reporting entity shall disclose information that enable users of its financial statements to assess the inputs used to develop those measurements and for recurring fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs, the effect of the measurements on earnings for the period.

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. In determining fair value, the Company utilizes valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs to the extent possible as well as considers counterparty credit risk in its assessment of fair value. Carrying amounts of the Company's financial instruments, including cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, approximate their fair values as of the balance sheet dates because of their generally short maturities.

The fair value hierarchy distinguishes between (1) market participant assumptions developed based on market data obtained from independent sources (observable inputs) and (2) an entity's own assumptions about market participant assumptions developed based on the best information available in the circumstances (unobservable inputs). The fair value hierarchy consists of three broad levels, which gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Directly or indirectly observable inputs as of the reporting date through correlation with market data, including quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets and quoted prices in markets that are not active. Level 2 also includes assets and liabilities that are valued using models or other pricing methodologies that do not require significant judgment since the input assumptions used in the models, such as interest rates and volatility factors, are corroborated by readily observable data from actively quoted markets for substantially the full term of the financial instrument.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and reflect the use of significant management judgment. These values are generally determined using pricing models for which the assumptions utilize management's estimates of market participant assumptions.

At March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, Royale Energy does not have any financial assets measured and recognized at fair value on a recurring basis. The Company estimates asset retirement obligations (ARO's) pursuant to the provisions of ASC 410, "*Asset Retirement and Environmental Obligations*". The estimates of the fair value the ARO's are based on discounted cash flow projections using numerous estimates, assumptions and judgements regarding such factors as the existence of a legal obligation for an ARO, amounts and timing of settlements, the credit-adjusted risk-free rate to be used and inflation rates.

The initial measurement of asset retirement obligations at fair value is calculated using discounted cash flow techniques and based on internal estimates of future retirement costs associated with oil and gas properties. Given the unobservable nature of the inputs, including plugging costs and reserve lives, the initial measurement of the asset retirement obligation liability is deemed to use Level 3 inputs.

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### [Fair Values - Non-recurring](#)

The Company applies the provisions of the fair value measurement standard to its non-recurring, non-financial measurements including oil and natural gas property impairments and other long-lived asset impairments. These items are not measured at fair value on a recurring basis but are subject to fair value adjustments only in certain circumstances.

### [Dividends on Series B Convertible Preferred Stock](#)

The Series B Convertible Preferred Stock, ("Preferred"), has an obligation to pay a 3.5% cumulative dividend, in kind or cash, on a quarterly basis. In the third quarter of 2020, the Board of Directors authorized the issuance of Preferred shares, for the settlement of dividends accumulated through December 31, 2021. The Company accrued \$191,718 and \$187,200 for dividends related to the Preferred shares during the first quarters of 2021 and 2020, respectively. Each quarter, the Company charges retained earnings for the accumulating dividend as the amounts add to the liquidation preference of the Preferred. For further information regarding the Preferred Stock see Note 3, below.

### [Risks and Uncertainties](#)

In December 2019, a novel strain of coronavirus (which triggers a respiratory disease called COVID-19) was reported in Wuhan, China. The World Health Organization has declared the outbreak to constitute a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern." The COVID-19 outbreak has caused a major reduction in the consumption of hydrocarbon-based transportation fuels as airlines have grounded flights worldwide and countries around the world have asked residents to suspend automobile travel. In addition to a substantial loss of demand for crude oil, in March, Saudi Arabia entered into a price war with Russia and added additional supplies of crude oil to an already over supplied market. The result was a precipitous decline in the price of crude oil received by the Company in 2020. At March 31, 2021, the price of West Texas Intermediate crude oil had reached \$59.16 per barrel.

## ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

### [Recently Adopted](#)

#### *ASU 2019-12, Income Taxes - Simplifying the Accounting for Income Taxes*

In December 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-12 simplifying the accounting for income taxes. The updated guidance is intended to simplify the accounting for income taxes by removing certain exceptions contained in existing guidance, and clarifying or amending existing guidance to simplify other income tax accounting matters. The Company adopted this new standard on January 1, 2021, and there was no material impact on its condensed consolidated financial statements.

### [Not Yet Adopted](#)

#### *ASU 2016-13, Credit Impairment*

In June of 2016, the FASB issued ASC Topic 326, Financial Instruments – Credit Losses. This new guidance replaces the current incurred loss impairment model with a requirement to recognize lifetime expected credit losses immediately when a financial asset is originated or purchased. This new Current Expected Credit Losses ("CECL") model applies to (1) loans, accounts receivable, trade receivables, and other financial assets measured at amortized cost, (2) loan commitments and certain other off-balance sheet credit exposures, (3) debt securities and financial assets measured at fair value, and (4) beneficial interests in securitized financial assets. This ASU was effective for SEC filers beginning after December 15, 2019; however, on November 15, 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-10, which delayed the effective date for "smaller reporting companies." Therefore, ASU 2016-13 is effective for "smaller reporting companies" (as defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission) such as Royale, for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2022, including interim periods within those years, and must be adopted under the modified retrospective method. Entities may adopt ASU 2016-13 earlier as of the fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those years. Adoption of this standard is not expected to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements and cash flows.

**NOTE 2 – OIL AND GAS PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT AND FIXTURES**

Oil and gas properties, equipment and fixtures consist of the following:

	<b>March 31, 2021</b>	<b>December 31, 2020</b>
	(Unaudited)	
<b>Oil and Gas</b>		
Producing properties, including drilling costs	\$ 5,672,457	\$ 5,672,457
Undeveloped properties	14,463	13,993
Lease and well equipment	3,317,718	3,317,718
	<u>9,004,638</u>	<u>9,004,168</u>
Accumulated depletion, depreciation & amortization	(6,567,107)	(6,467,626)
Net capitalized costs Total	<u>2,437,531</u>	<u>2,536,542</u>
<b>Commercial and Other</b>		
Vehicles	40,061	40,061
Furniture and equipment	1,097,428	1,097,428
	<u>1,137,489</u>	<u>1,137,489</u>
Accumulated depreciation	(1,133,397)	(1,133,030)
	4,092	4,459
Net capitalized costs Total	<u>\$ 2,441,623</u>	<u>\$ 2,541,001</u>

The guidance set forth in the Continued Capitalization of Exploratory Well Costs paragraph of the Extractive Activities Topic of the FASB ASC requires that we evaluate all existing capitalized exploratory well costs and disclose the extent to which any such capitalized costs have become impaired and are expensed or reclassified during a fiscal period.

Depreciation, depletion and amortization, based on cost less estimated salvage value of the asset, are primarily determined under either the unit-of-production method or the straight-line method, which is based on estimated asset service life taking obsolescence into consideration. Maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred. Major renewals and improvements are capitalized and the assets replaced are retired.

The project construction phase commences with the development of the detailed engineering design and ends when the constructed assets are ready for their intended use. Interest costs, to the extent they are incurred to finance expenditures during the construction phase, are included in property, plant and equipment and are depreciated over the service life of the related assets.

Royale Energy uses the “successful efforts” method to account for its exploration and production activities. Under this method, Royale Energy accumulates its proportionate share of costs on a well-by-well basis with certain exploratory expenditures and exploratory dry holes being expensed as incurred and capitalizes expenditures for productive wells. Royale Energy amortizes the costs of productive wells under the unit-of-production method.

Royale Energy carries, as an asset, exploratory well costs when the well has found a sufficient quantity of reserves to justify its completion as a producing well and where Royale Energy is making sufficient progress assessing the reserves and the economic and operating viability of the project. Exploratory well costs not meeting these criteria are charged to expense. Other exploratory expenditures, including geophysical costs and annual lease rentals, are expensed as incurred.

Acquisition costs of proved oil and gas properties are amortized using a unit-of-production method, computed on the basis of total proved oil and gas reserves.

Capitalized exploratory drilling and development costs associated with productive depletable extractive properties are amortized using unit-of-production rates based on the amount of proved developed reserves of oil and gas that are estimated to be recoverable from existing facilities using current operating methods. Under the unit-of-production method, oil and gas volumes are considered produced once they have been measured through meters at custody transfer or sales transaction points at the outlet valve on the lease or field storage tank.

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Production costs are expensed as incurred. Production involves lifting the oil and gas to the surface and gathering, treating, field processing and field storage of the oil and gas. The production function normally terminates at the outlet valve on the lease or field production storage tank. Production costs are those incurred to operate and maintain Royale Energy's wells and related equipment and facilities. They become part of the cost of oil and gas produced. These costs, sometimes referred to as lifting costs, include such items as labor costs to operate the wells and related equipment; repair and maintenance costs on the wells and equipment; materials, supplies and energy costs required to operate the wells and related equipment; and administrative expenses related to the production activity. Proved oil and gas properties held and used by Royale Energy are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amounts may not be recoverable.

Royale Energy estimates the future undiscounted cash flows of the affected properties to judge the recoverability of carrying amounts and whether carrying amounts should be impaired. The Company performs the evaluation of carrying amounts at least annually or when economic events or commodity prices indicate that a substantial and measurable change in future cash flows has occurred. Cash flows used in impairment evaluations are developed using updated evaluation assumptions for crude oil and natural gas commodity prices. Annual volumes are based on field production profiles, which are also updated annually.

Impairment analyses are generally based on proved reserves. An asset group would be further assessed if the undiscounted cash flows were less than its carrying value. Impairments are measured by the amount the carrying value exceeds fair value. During the three months ended March 31, 2021 and 2020, no impairment losses were incurred.

Significant unproved properties are assessed for impairment individually, and valuation allowances against the capitalized costs are recorded based on the estimated economic chance of success and the length of time that Royale Energy expects to hold the properties. The valuation allowances are reviewed at least annually.

Upon the sale or retirement of a complete field of a proved property, Royale Energy eliminates the cost from its books, and the resultant gain or loss is recorded to Royale Energy's Statement of Operations. Upon the sale of an entire interest in an unproved property where the property has been assessed for impairment individually, a gain or loss is recognized in Royale Energy's Statement of Operations. If a partial interest in an unproved property is sold, any funds received are accounted for as a recovery of the cost in the interest retained with any excess funds recognized as a gain. Should Royale Energy's turnkey drilling agreements include unproved property, total drilling costs incurred to satisfy its obligations are recovered by the total funds received under the agreements. Any excess funds are recorded as a Gain on Turnkey Drilling Programs, and any costs not recovered are capitalized and accounted for under the "successful efforts" method.

Royale Energy sponsors turnkey drilling agreement arrangements in unproved properties as a pooling of assets in a joint undertaking, whereby proceeds from participants are reported as Deferred Drilling Obligations, and then reduced as costs to complete its obligations are incurred with any excess booked against its property account to reduce any basis in its own interest. Gains on Turnkey Drilling Programs represent funds received from turnkey drilling participants in excess of all costs Royale incurs during the drilling programs (e.g., lease acquisition, exploration and development costs), including costs incurred on behalf of participants and costs incurred for its own account; and are recognized only upon making this determination after Royale's obligations have been fulfilled.

The contracts require the participants pay Royale Energy the full contract price upon execution of the agreement. Royale Energy completes the drilling activities typically between 10 and 30 days after drilling begins. The participant retains an undivided or proportional beneficial interest in the property and is also responsible for its proportionate share of operating costs. Royale Energy retains legal title to the lease. The participants purchase a working interest directly in the well bore.

In these working interest arrangements, the participants are responsible for sharing in the risk of development, but also sharing in a proportional interest in rights to revenues and proportional liability for the cost of operations after drilling is completed and the interest is conveyed to the participant.

A certain portion of the turnkey drilling participant's funds received are non-refundable. The Company holds all funds invested as Deferred Drilling Obligations until drilling is complete. Occasionally, drilling is delayed for various reasons such as weather, permitting, drilling rig availability and/or contractual obligations. At March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, Royale Energy had Deferred Drilling Obligations of \$2,747,439 and \$3,127,500, respectively.

If Royale Energy is unable to drill the wells, and a suitable replacement well is not found, Royale would retain the non-refundable portion of the contract and return the remaining funds to the participant. Included in Restricted Cash are amounts for use in completion of turnkey drilling programs in progress.

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Losses on properties sold are recognized when incurred or when the properties are held for sale and the fair value of the properties is less than the carrying value.

**NOTE 3 - SERIES B PREFERRED STOCK**

Pursuant to the terms of the Merger all Class A limited partnership interests of Matrix Investments, LP (“Matrix Investments”) were exchanged for Royale Common stock using conversion ratios according to the relative value of the Class A limited partnership interests, and \$20,124,000 of Matrix Investments preferred limited partnership interests were converted into 2,012,400 shares of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock of Royale. The Board of Directors of Royale Energy, prior to the merger, authorized 3,000,000 shares of Series B Convertible Preferred, which carries a liquidation preference and a 3.5% annual dividend, payable quarterly in cash or Paid-In-Kind (“PIK”) shares. The Series B Convertible Preferred Stock is convertible at the option of the security holder at the rate of ten shares of common stock for one share of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock. The Series B Preferred Stock has never been registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and no market exists for the shares. Additionally, the Series B Convertible Preferred shares will automatically convert to common at any time in which the Volume Weighted Average Price (“VWAP”) of the common stock exceeds \$3.50 per share for 20 consecutive trading days, the shares are registered with the SEC and the volume of common shares trades exceeds 200,000 shares per day. The shareholders of the Series B Convertible Preferred may vote the number of shares into which they would be entitled to convert, beginning in 2020.

In accordance with ASC 480-10-S99-1.02, the Company has determined that the conversion or redemption of these shares are outside the sole control of the Company and that they should be classified in mezzanine or temporary equity as redeemable noncontrolling interest beginning at the reporting period, ended March 31, 2020.

For 2021 and 2020, the board authorized the payment of each quarterly dividend of Series B Convertible Preferred shares, as “PIK” to be paid immediately following the end of the quarter. For the quarter ending March 31, 2021, the Company issued 19,172 shares with a value of \$191,718. During 2021 and 2020 no cash was used to pay dividends on Series B preferred shares.

**NOTE 4 – LOSS PER SHARE**

Basic and diluted loss per share are calculated as follows:

	For the period ending			
	March 31, 2021		March 31, 2020	
	Basic	Diluted	Basic	Diluted
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (572,167)	(572,167)	\$ 384,362	\$ 384,362
Less: Preferred Stock Dividend	191,718	191,718	187,200	187,200
Less: Preferred Stock Dividend In Arrears	-	-	-	-
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Common Shareholders	(763,885)	(763,885)	197,162	197,162
Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding	55,144,668	55,144,668	52,113,929	52,113,929
Effect of Dilutive Securities	-	-	-	25,149,025
Weighted Average Common Shares, including Dilutive Effect	55,144,668	55,144,668	52,113,929	77,262,954
Per Share:				
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (0.01)	(0.01)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

For the three months ended March 31, 2021, Royale Energy had dilutive securities of 26,119,183. These securities were not included in the dilutive loss per share, due to their antidilutive nature.

**NOTE 5 – INCOME TAXES**

Deferred tax assets and liabilities reflect the net tax effect of temporary differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and amounts used for income tax purposes. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance when, in the opinion of management, it is more-likely-than-not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are adjusted for the effects of changes in tax laws and rates on the date of enactment. At the end of 2015, management reviewed the reliability of the Company’s net deferred tax assets, and due to the Company’s continued cumulative losses in recent years, the Company concluded it is not “more-likely-than-not” its deferred tax assets will be realized. As a result, the Company will continue to record a full valuation allowance against the deferred tax assets in 2021.

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A reconciliation of Royale Energy's provision for income taxes and the amount computed by applying the statutory income tax rates at March 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, to pretax income is as follows:

	<b>For the quarter ended</b>	
	<u>March 31, 2021</u>	<u>March 31, 2020</u>
Tax expense (benefit) computed at statutory rate of 21% at March 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively	\$ (116,427)	\$ 82,795
Increase (decrease) in taxes resulting from:		
State tax / percentage depletion / other		
Other non-deductible expenses	(1,924)	224
Change in valuation allowance	118,351	(83,019)
Provision (benefit)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

**NOTE 6 – ISSUANCE OF COMMON STOCK**

During the three months ended March 31, 2021, in lieu of cash payments for salaries and board fees, Royale issued 1,023,413 shares of its Common stock valued at approximately \$118,736 to an executive officer and board members, compared to the issuance of 377,763 shares issued with an approximate value of \$53,336 in the same period of 2020.



## Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

In addition to historical information contained herein, this discussion 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 our actual results to differ materially from those in the "forward-looking statements". While we believe our 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 our control. Investors are directed to consider such risks and other uncertainties discussed in documents filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

### RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

In late 2019 and continuing into 2021, there was a global outbreak of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) that has resulted in changes in global supply and demand of certain mineral and energy products. While the direct and indirect negative impacts that may affect the Company cannot be determined, they could have a prospective material impact. For more information, see Item 3 below.

For the three months ended March 31, 2021, we had a net loss of \$572,167 compared to the net income of \$384,362, during the three months ended March 31, 2020. The difference was primarily the result of a gain of \$1.3 million relating to our equity method investment in RMX recorded during the three months ended March 31, 2020. During the fourth quarter in 2020, it was determined that an allowance for the full value of the asset was warranted so there was no comparative gain or loss in the current year period.

During the first three months of 2021, revenues from oil and gas production increased \$24,452 or 6.5% to \$398,937 from the 2020 first three months revenues of \$374,485. This increase was mainly due to higher oil and natural gas commodity prices. The net sales volume of oil and condensate for the three months ended March 31, 2021, was approximately 5,574 barrels with an average price of \$56.08 per barrel, versus 5,031 barrels with an average price of \$47.87 per barrel for the first three months of 2020. This represents an increase in net sales volume of 543 barrels or 10.8%. This increase was due to wells drilled and placed into production during the year in 2020 and to lower volumes produced during the first quarter of 2020. The net sales volume of natural gas for the three months ended March 31, 2021, was approximately 29,659 Mcf with an average price of \$2.91 per Mcf, versus 52,453 Mcf with an average price of \$2.55 per Mcf for the same period in 2020. This represents a decrease in net sales volume of 22,794 Mcf or 43.5%. The decrease in natural gas production volume was due to certain wells that were offline and waiting on workovers and to lower volumes on existing wells due to natural declines.

Oil and natural gas lease operating expenses decreased by \$103,291 or 25.6%, to \$300,162 for the three months ended March 31, 2021, from \$403,453 for the same period in 2020. This was lower due mainly to decreases in outside operated lease operating costs as certain non-operated wells were either disposed of during the year in 2020 or offline and waiting on workovers.

Depreciation, depletion and amortization expense increased to \$124,405 from \$79,935, an increase of \$44,470 or 55.6% for the three months ended March 31, 2021, as compared to the same period in 2020. The depletion rate is calculated using production as a percentage of reserves. This increase in depletion expense was due to increased capitalized well costs for wells drilled during 2020 and to a decrease in expected recoverable reserves which increased the depletion rate.

At March 31, 2021, Royale Energy had a Deferred Drilling Obligation of \$2,747,439. During the first three months of 2021, we disposed of \$1,841,061 of drilling obligations upon completing the drilling of two oil wells in Texas, while incurring expenses of \$1,576,280, resulting in a gain of \$264,780. At March 31, 2020, Royale Energy had a Deferred Drilling Obligation of \$4,025,589. During the first three months of 2020, we disposed of \$2,382,086 of drilling obligations upon completing the drilling of two wells, one oil well in Southern California and one oil well in Texas, while incurring expenses of \$2,344,311, resulting in a gain of \$37,775.

General and administrative expenses increased by \$43,920 or 8.4% to \$564,983 for the three months ended March 31, 2021, from \$521,063 for the same period in 2020. This increase was mainly due to absorption of a greater percentage of drilling management costs. Production and drilling overhead offset general and administrative costs. During the first quarter of 2020 four wells were completed. Marketing expense for the three months ended March 31, 2021, increased \$4,655, or 13.5%, to \$39,049, compared to \$34,394 for the same period in 2020. Marketing expense varies from period to period according to the number of marketing events attended by personnel and their associated costs.

Legal and accounting expense increased to \$218,763 for the three month period in 2021, compared to \$86,535 for the same period in 2020, a \$132,228 or 152.8% increase. These increases were primarily due to the timing of the receipt of invoices for audit related expenses during the periods in 2021 and 2020.

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During the three months ended March 31, 2020, we recorded a gain of \$1,309,851, on investment in joint venture as our 20% share of RMX Resources, LLC's. As a result of recognizing an impairment for the full value of the investment, the company did not recognize any gain or loss in subsequent periods. See note Equity Method Investment in Note 1 above.

During the quarter ended March 31, 2021, we recorded a gain on settlement of \$10,061 due to the payment by the SBA of the remaining balance on our PPP loan obtained in 2020. During the three months ended March 31, 2020, we recorded a loss on settlement of \$31,500 related to a 2018 seismic sales agreement.

Bad debt expense for the periods ended March 31, 2021 and 2020 were \$74 and \$186,168, respectively. During the period in 2020 approximately \$106,000 was related to revenue receivable from an industry partner whose collectability was in doubt. Approximately \$80,000 of the expenses in 2020 arose from identified uncollectable receivables relating to our oil and natural gas properties either plugged and abandoned or scheduled for plugging and abandonment and our period end oil and natural gas reserve values. We periodically review our accounts receivable from working interest owners to determine whether collection of any of these charges appears doubtful. By contract, the Company may not collect some charges from its Direct Working Interest owners for certain wells that ceased production or had been sold during the year, to the extent that these charges exceed production revenue.

Interest expense decreased to \$835 for the three months ended March 31, 2021, from \$4,030 for the same period in 2020, a \$3,195 decrease. This decrease was mainly due to lower principal balances on notes payable during the three-month period in 2021.

### **CAPITAL RESOURCES AND LIQUIDITY**

At March 31, 2021, we had current assets totaling \$4,813,096 and current liabilities totaling \$9,150,829, a \$4,337,733 working capital deficit. We had \$310,617 in cash and \$1,999,256 in restricted cash at March 31, 2021, compared to \$255,112 in cash and \$2,146,571 in restricted cash at December 31, 2020.

In accordance with ASC 480-10-S99 the Company reclassified the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock from Permanent Equity to Mezzanine capital as a result of the change in voting rights provided at the time it of issuance. For more information, see Note 3 – Series B Convertible Preferred Stock.

At March 31, 2021, our other receivables, which consist of joint interest billing receivables from direct working interest investors and industry partners, totaled \$526,252, compared to \$462,777 at December 31, 2020, a \$63,475 increase. This increase was mainly due to higher receivables from direct working interest owners for lease operating expenses for new wells that began production at the end of 2020. At March 31, 2021, revenue receivable was \$208,534, an increase of \$4,385, compared to \$204,149 at December 31, 2020, due to higher commodity prices during the quarter in 2021. At March 31, 2021, our accounts payable and accrued expenses totaled \$4,622,556, an increase of \$461,447 from the accounts payable at December 31, 2020, of \$4,161,109, which was mainly due to drilling costs of two wells during the first quarter in 2021.

The Company has had recurring operating and net losses and cash used in operations and the financial statements reflect a working capital deficiency of \$4,337,733 and an accumulated deficit of \$83,062,670. These factors raise substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern. We anticipate that our primary sources of liquidity will be from the sale of oil and gas in the course of normal operations, the sale of oil and gas property, sales of participation interest and possible issuance of debt and/or equity. If the Company is unable to generate sufficient cash from operations or financing sources, it may become necessary to curtail, suspend or cease operations, sell property, or enter into financing transaction(s) on less favorable terms; any such outcomes could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, results of operations, financial position and liquidity. Additionally, management has, and plans to continue, to increase revenue and reduce overhead and Lease Operating Expense (LOE) costs.

*Operating Activities.* Net cash used by operating activities totaled \$25,416 and \$733,512 for the three months ended March 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively. This decrease in cash used was mainly due to the difference in accounts payable and accrued expenses during the quarters related mainly to the wells drilled during the periods.

*Investing Activities.* Net cash used by investing activities totaled \$63,806 and \$544,948 for the three months ended March 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively. During the period in 2021, we received approximately \$1.46 million in direct working interest investor turnkey drilling investments while our drilling expenditures were approximately \$1.5 million in the drilling and completing of two Texas oil wells. During the period in 2020, we received approximately \$1.2 million in direct working interest investor turnkey drilling investments while our drilling expenditures were approximately \$1.7 million in the drilling and completing of one Southern California oil well and one Texas oil wells.

*Financing Activities.* Net cash used by financing activities totaled \$2,588 and \$58,010 for the three months ended March 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively. During the period in 2021, the total used was for financing lease payments while during the period in 2020, approximately \$56,000 were principal payments on our notes payable and \$2,437 was for financing lease payments.

### **Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

In late 2019 and continuing into 2021, there was a global outbreak of COVID-19 that has resulted in changes in global supply and demand of certain mineral and energy products. While the direct and indirect negative impacts that may affect the Company cannot be determined, they could have a prospective material impact to the Company's operations, cash flows and liquidity, primarily related to the decline in product price, in part, as a result of a decline in demand related to "shelter-in-place" orders by various governmental bodies.

Our major market risk exposure relates to pricing of oil and gas production, which during the period in 2020 resulted in historically low prices due to stay at home orders. The prices we receive for oil and gas are closely related to worldwide market prices for crude oil and local spot prices paid for natural gas production. Prices have been volatile for the last several years and have become even more unpredictable in the current period. We expect that volatility to continue. Our monthly average oil and condensate prices ranged from a high of \$58.06 per barrel to a low of \$54.85 per barrel and our monthly average natural gas prices ranged from a high of \$3.64 per Mcf to a low of \$2.56 per Mcf for the first three months of 2021.

### **Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

As of March 31, 2021, an evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our CEO and CFO, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures. These controls and procedures are based on the definition of disclosure controls and procedures in Rule 13a-15(e) and Rule 15d-15(e) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of our annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis.

As a result of the review by the CFO and CEO, the material weakness was identified as listed below.

- In connection with the audit of our 2020 consolidated financial statements, management has identified a material weakness that exists because we did not maintain effective controls over our financial close and reporting process, and has concluded that the financial close and reporting process needs additional formal procedures to ensure there are appropriate reviews occur on all financial reporting analysis. Management is in the process of designing and implementing updated control procedures that it believes will mitigate this material weakness.

Because of the material weaknesses described above, our management was unable to conclude that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of the end of period to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external reporting purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Except for the actions described above that were taken to address the material weakness, there were no changes in our internal controls during the period ended March 31, 2021, that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Notwithstanding the material weakness described above, our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, believes that the consolidated financial statements contained in this Report on Form 10-Q fairly present, in all material respects, our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows for the fiscal periods presented in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. In addition, the material weakness described did not result in the restatements of any of our audited or unaudited consolidated financial statements or disclosures for any previously reported periods.

### **INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND CHANGES IN INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING**

During the three months ended March 31, 2021, there were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

**PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**

**Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

None

**Item 1A. Risk Factors**

Not applicable to smaller reporting companies.

**Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds**

During the period covered by this report, we have not issued any unregistered shares.

**Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures**

Not applicable

**Item 5. Other Information**

None

**Item 6. Exhibits**

31.1	<a href="#">Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification</a>
31.2	<a href="#">Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification</a>
32.1	<a href="#">18 U.S.C. § 1350 Certification</a>
32.2	<a href="#">18 U.S.C. § 1350 Certification</a>
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase

**Signatures**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**ROYALE ENERGY, INC.**

Date: May 14, 2021

*/s/ Johnny Jordan*

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Johnny Jordan, Chief Executive Officer

Date: May 14, 2021

*/s/ Stephen M. Hosmer*

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Stephen M. Hosmer, Chief Financial Officer

**Exhibit 31.1**

I, Johnny Jordan, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of Royale Energy, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 14, 2021

/s/ Johnny Jordan  
Johnny Jordan, Chief Executive Officer

**Exhibit 31.2**

I, Stephen M. Hosmer, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of Royale Energy, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions)
  - a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 14, 2021

*/s/ Stephen M. Hosmer*

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Stephen M. Hosmer, Chief Financial Officer

**Exhibit 32.1**

**Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350**

The undersigned, Johnny Jordan, Chief Executive Officer of Royale Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002, hereby certifies that:

(1) the Company’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2021 (the “Report”) fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and

(2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: May 14, 2021

By: /s/ Johnny Jordan  
Johnny Jordan, Chief Executive Officer



**Exhibit 32.2**

**Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350**

The undersigned, Stephen M. Hosmer, Co-President, Co-Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of Royale Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002, hereby certifies that:

(1) the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2021 (the "Report") fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and

(2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: May 14, 2021

By: /s/ Stephen M. Hosmer  
Stephen M. Hosmer, Chief Financial Officer