

NORTHGATE MINERALS CORP  
Form 6-K  
May 23, 2006

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of May, 2006.

**Northgate Minerals Corporation**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

815 Hornby Street, Suite 404  
Vancouver, British Columbia  
Canada V6Z 2E6  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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Form 20-F

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Yes

No

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

Registrant:  
Northgate Minerals Corporation

Date: May 23, 2006

/s/ Jon Douglas  
Jon Douglas  
Chief Financial Officer

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