Northgate Minerals CORP Form 6-K January 20, 2009

### 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 January, 2009.

Northgate Minerals Corporation (Translation of registrant's name into English)

815 Hornby Street, Suite 406 Vancouver, British Columbia Canada V6Z 2E6 (Address of principal executive offices)

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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: January 20, 2009

By: /s/ Jon Douglas Name: Jon Douglas

Title: Chief Financial Officer

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