Northgate Minerals CORP Form 6-K October 15, 2010

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 October 2010 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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EXHIBIT LIST

ExhibitNumberDescription99.1Press release dated October 15, 2010

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: October 15, 2010

By: /s/ Jon Douglas Name: Jon Douglas Title: Chief Financial Officer