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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 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 August 2011 Commission File Number: 001-06138 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)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F. o Form 20-F b Form 40-F

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Exhibit Description

News release dated August 29, 2011 (AuRico Gold to Acquire Northgate Minerals and Create A Leading

Intermediate Gold Company)

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements 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.

Date: August 29, 2011

NORTHGATE MINERALS CORPORATION

By: /s/ Matthew Howorth

Name: Matthew Howorth

Title: Vice President, General Counsel and

Corporate Secretary