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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-7010

via facsimile and U.S. mail

Mr. Jon A. Douglas
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18 King Street East, Suite 1602
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November 29, 2006

Re: **Northgate Minerals Corporation**
Form 40-F for fiscal year ended December 31, 2005
Response Letter dated October 12, 2006
File No. 1-06138

Dear Mr. Douglas:

We have completed our review of Northgate Minerals Corporation's 2005 Form 40-F and do not, at this time, have any further comments.

Sincerely,

Karl Hiller
Branch Chief