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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-0405

December 13, 2007

Mr. Jon A. Douglas  
Chief Financial Officer  
Northgate Minerals Corporation  
815 Hornby Street, Suite 406  
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V6Z 2E6

**Re: Northgate Minerals Corporation  
Form 40-F for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2006  
File No. 001-06138**

Dear Mr. Douglas:

We have completed our review of your Form 40-F and related amendments and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Karl Hiller  
Branch Chief