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December 3, 2009

Mr. Jon A. Douglas
Chief Financial Officer
Northgate Minerals Corporation
18 King Street East, Suite 1602
Toronto, ON M5C 1C4
Canada

Re: Northgate Minerals Corporation
Form 40-F for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008
Filed March 31, 2009
File No. 001-06138

Dear Mr. Douglas:

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

Sincerely,

H. Roger Schwall
Assistant Director