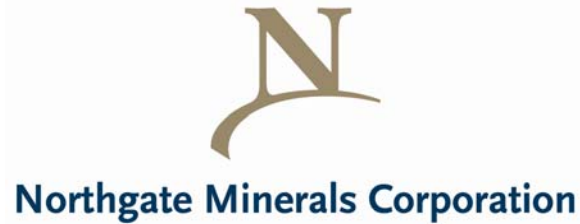


News Release

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NORTHGATE SUBMITS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE KEMESS NORTH MINE DEVELOPMENT

VANCOUVER, October 11, 2005 – Northgate Minerals Corporation (TSX: NGX; AMEX: NXG) is pleased to report that it has submitted the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIA) for the development of the Kemess North mine to the Joint Federal/Provincial Environmental Review Panel. The EIA Report consists of an EIA Summary document and 14 supporting appendices which present environmental, socio-economic, geological and engineering data and interpretation relating to all aspects of the Kemess North development.

Ken Stowe, President and CEO of Northgate, commented; *“The submission of the Kemess North EIA represents the culmination of three years of concerted effort by our project team to generate a comprehensive document that presents an environmentally sound case for the development of Kemess North. With this milestone behind us and the review process on schedule, we still expect to see the Panel’s final report by the middle of next year at which time we will be in a position to make our final development decision.”*

Within the next few days, the Review Panel will officially release the Kemess North EIA Report for a 60-day public comment period designed to ensure that the report meets all the terms of the EIA guidelines issued by the panel in August. The Kemess North EIA Report can be accessed by visiting Northgate’s website at www.northgateminerals.com.

For additional information on the Kemess North Project and the activities of the Joint Panel please refer to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Registry at www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca/050/index_e.cfm, reference number 04-07-3394, or consult the website of the British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office at www.eao.gov.bc.ca.

Panel Review Process:

Event	Allotted Time
EIA Released for public and First Nations comment period	60 days
Northgate response to comments	Up to 30 days
Panel review of EIA & possible request for additional information	Up to 30 days
Northgate to provide any additional information requested	
Notice period for panel hearings	45 days
Panel hearings	45 days
Delivery of panel’s final report to Ministers	Up to 60 days

About Kemess North:

Kemess North is an undeveloped gold/copper deposit containing 4.1 million ounces of gold and 1.5 billion pounds of copper, located approximately six kilometers north of the Kemess South mine. Development of the Kemess North open pit and the expansion of Northgate's existing Kemess milling infrastructure is forecast to cost US\$190 million and will extend the productive life of the Kemess operation and sustain the jobs of some 450 employees and contractors until at least 2019. Annual metal production during the mine's 13 year life will average 250,000 ounces of gold and 113 million pounds of copper.

About Northgate:

Northgate Minerals Corporation is a gold and copper mining company focused on operations and opportunities in the Americas. The Corporation's principal assets are the 300,000-ounce per year Kemess mine in north-central British Columbia and the adjacent Kemess North deposit, which contains a Proven and Probable Reserve of 4.1 million ounces of gold. Northgate is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol NGX and on the American Stock Exchange under the symbol NXG.

Forward-Looking Statements

This news release includes certain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of section 21E of the *United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934*, as amended. These forward-looking statements include estimates, forecasts, and statements as to management's expectations with respect to, among other things, future metal production and production costs, potential mineralization and reserves, exploration results, progress in the development of mineral properties, demand and market outlook for commodities and future plans and objectives of Northgate Minerals Corporation (Northgate). Forward-looking statements generally can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "may," "will," "expect," "intend," "estimate," "anticipate," "believe," or "continue" or the negative thereof or variations thereon or similar terminology. Forward-looking statements are necessarily based upon a number of estimates and assumptions that, while considered reasonable by management are inherently subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties and contingencies. There can be no assurance that such statements will prove to be accurate and actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from Northgate's expectations are disclosed under the heading "Risk and Uncertainties" in Northgate's 2004 Annual Report and under the heading "Risk Factors" in Northgate's 2004 Annual Information Form (AIF) both of which are filed with Canadian regulators on SEDAR (www.sedar.com) and with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (www.sec.gov). Northgate expressly disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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