

## New Three-Year Collective Agreement Ratified at Northgate's Stawell Gold Mine

**VANCOUVER, September 26, 2008** – Northgate Minerals Corporation (TSX: NGX, AMEX: NXG) is pleased to announce that a new three-year employee collective agreement (the “Agreement”) has been ratified by the Employee Collective, comprised of the 155 production and maintenance employees at the Stawell Gold Mine located in Victoria, Australia. This Agreement replaces the previous three-year agreement that expired on September 26, 2008.

Ken Stowe, President and CEO stated, “We are very pleased to have reached a mutually beneficial agreement with our employees at Stawell after an extensive negotiating process. This Agreement is the result of dedication and commitment on both sides of the bargaining table and I would like to commend the two negotiating teams for their efforts during this process. With the recent announcement to extend the current mine-life at Stawell until the fourth quarter of 2011, adding to the prosperous 25-year history of modern production, we are extremely committed to the operational success at the mine as we look forward to many more years of mining at Stawell.”

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**Northgate Minerals Corporation** is a mid-tier gold and copper producer with mining operations, development projects and exploration properties in Canada and Australia. The company is forecasting 385,000 ounces of unhedged gold production in 2008 and is targeting growth through further acquisitions in stable mining jurisdictions around the world. Northgate is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol NGX and on the American Stock Exchange under the symbol NXG.

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