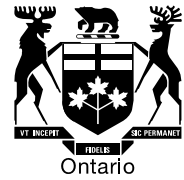


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BY E-MAIL

August 11, 2010

Andrew Cormier
Manager
Northgate Minerals Corporation
18 King St. E., Suite 1602
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LETTER OF DIRECTION

Dear Mr. Cormier:

**Re: Northgate Minerals Corporation
Application for an Electricity Wholesaler Licence
Board File No. EB-2010-0251**

The Ontario Energy Board has completed a preliminary review of your application. The Board expects to render a decision and/or order in this application on or before October 21, 2010.

The Board has now issued its Notice of Application and Written Hearing relating to your electricity wholesaler licence application. The Board has posted the English version of the Notice on its website.

You are directed:

1. To post the enclosed English version of the Notice, headed with the Ontario government logo and the words "Ontario Energy Board", on your website, if available by August 17, 2010.
2. To make a copy of the application and evidence, and any amendments thereto, available for public review at Northgate Minerals Corporation's office.
3. To inform the Board by way of letter directed to the Board Secretary that the notice have been posted on your website, immediately upon completion.
4. To provide a copy of the application and evidence, and any amendments thereto, to anyone requesting the material.

All correspondence to the Board regarding this matter must quote file number EB-2010-0251 and must consist of one electronic copy e-mailed to BoardSec@oeb.gov.on.ca and two hard copies filed with the Board Secretary.

NOTE:

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO POST THE NOTICE ON YOUR WEBSITE AS DIRECTED BY AUGUST 17, 2010 OR IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A WEBSITE, YOU MUST INFORM THE BOARD IMMEDIATELY BY WAY OF LETTER DIRECTED TO THE BOARD SECRETARY.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

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