

# Northgate Minerals Corporation Reports Strong Third Quarter Production

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## Fosterville Gold Mine Achieves Second Consecutive Record Production Quarter

VANCOUVER, Oct. 11, 2011 /CNW/ - (All figures in US dollars) - [Northgate Minerals Corporation](#) ("Northgate" or the "Company") (TSX: NGX) (NYSE Amex: NXG) is pleased to announce its third quarter 2011 operating results, highlighted by record gold production for the second consecutive quarter from its Fosterville mine.

### Third Quarter 2011 Production Highlights

- Total production for the quarter was 50,014 ounces of gold, which represents a 14% increase from the previous quarter.
- o The Fosterville mine achieved record production of 29,954 ounces of gold during the quarter.
- o The Stawell mine achieved improved production of 20,060 ounces of gold.
- The average net cash cost for the quarter was \$811 per ounce of gold, which was lower than guidance previously issued by the Company and represents a 14% decrease from the previous quarter.

The following table provides a summary of production results for Q3 2011:

Cash cost figures noted in US\$	Q3 2011
Fosterville	
Gold Production (ounces)	29,954
Net cash cost (\$/ounce) 1	733
Stawell	
Gold Production (ounces)	20,060
Net cash cost (\$/ounce) 1	928
Total	
Gold Production (ounces)	50,014
Average Net cash cost (\$/ounce) 1	811

(1 )The cash cost figures for Q3 2011 are unaudited estimates and subject to revision.

'Our Australian mines delivered strong results for the quarter, highlighted by another production record at Fosterville and lower than forecast cash costs at both mines,' commented Richard Hall, Northgate's President & CEO. 'With continued strong performance forecast for the fourth quarter, we expect to meet our annual production guidance and, at current gold prices, to generate excellent free cash from our Australian operations for the second half of the year.'

### Timing for Release of Third Quarter 2011 Earnings Results

On August 29, 2011, AuRico and Northgate entered into an Arrangement Agreement pursuant to which, among other things, AuRico agreed to acquire all of the issued and outstanding common shares of Northgate in accordance with a Court-approved plan of arrangement (see Northgate press release dated August 29, 2011) upon fulfillment of certain conditions. The transaction is subject to, among other things, receipt of approval from both AuRico and Northgate shareholders at their respective special meetings scheduled for October 24, 2011. Pending these results and receipt of subsequent Court approval, the transaction is expected to close by the end of October, at which time Northgate will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of AuRico.

AuRico is scheduled to release its third quarter earnings before market opens on November 10, 2011. A

conference call and webcast is scheduled to take place on the same day at 10:00 am ET. For more information, please visit AuRico's website at [www.auricogold.com](http://www.auricogold.com).

Northgate Minerals Corporation is a gold producer with mining operations, development projects and exploration properties in the Americas and Australia. Northgate currently owns and operates the Fosterville and Stawell gold mines in Victoria, Australia, and is building the Young-Davidson gold mine in northern Ontario, which is scheduled to commence production in 2012.

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