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**IN THE MATTER OF NATIONAL POLICY 43-201
MUTUAL RELIANCE REVIEW SYSTEM FOR
PROSPECTUSES AND ANNUAL INFORMATION FORMS**

AND

**IN THE MATTER OF
*NORTHGATE EXPLORATION LIMITED***

DECISION DOCUMENT

This preliminary mutual reliance review system decision document evidences that preliminary receipts of the regulators in each of **British Columbia and Ontario** have been issued for a preliminary prospectus of the above issuer dated January 24, 2002.

DATED at Vancouver, British Columbia on January 24, 2002.

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Note:

The issuance of this decision document is not to be construed as meaning that the adequacy of the preliminary materials has been established. The materials are being reviewed and initial comments will be furnished to you as soon as possible.

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