

NORTHERN DYNASTY MINERALS LTD  
Form 6-K  
May 17, 2012

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 6-K**

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16  
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

As at **May 16, 2012**

Commission File Number: **001-32210**

**NORTHERN DYNASTY MINERALS LTD.**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**15th Floor - 1040 W. Georgia St.  
Vancouver, British Columbia  
Canada V6E 4H1**

(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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**SUBMITTED HEREWITH**

Exhibits

99.1 Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for the Period Ended March 31, 2012

99.2 Management's Discussion and Analysis for the Period Ended March 31, 2012

99.3 Form 52-109F2 - Certification of Interim Filings - Full Certificate - CEO

99.4 Form 52-109F2 - Certification of Interim Filings - Full Certificate - CFO

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**Northern Dynasty Minerals Ltd.**  
(Registrant)

Date: May 16, 2012

By: */s/ Marchand Snyman*

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Marchand Snyman  
Title: Director, Chief Financial Officer

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