

NOVAGOLD RESOURCES INC

Form 6-K

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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**

For the month of January, 2006

Commission File Number: 001-31913

NOVAGOLD RESOURCES INC.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Suite 2300 200 Granville Street, PO Box 24

Vancouver, BC Canada V6C 1S4

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes No

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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.

NovaGold Resources, Inc.
(Registrant)

Date: January 24, 2006

By: */s/ Elaine Sanders*

Elaine Sanders
Title: Controller

NOVAGOLD RESOURCES INC.**For the three and nine months ended August 31, 2005****NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Unaudited****Significant differences from United States accounting principles**

Canadian generally accepted accounting principles (Canadian GAAP) vary in certain significant respects from the principles and practices generally accepted in the United States (U.S. GAAP). The effect of the principal measurement differences on the Company's unaudited consolidated financials statements is quantified below and described in the accompanying notes.

in thousands of Canadian dollars

| | August 31 2005 | November 30 2004 |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Shareholders' equity reported under Canadian GAAP | 221,628 | 171,510 |
| Cumulative adjustments to shareholders' equity | | |
| Add (deduct) | | |
| Exploration costs (a) | (102,194) | (62,168) |
| Flow-through shares (d) | | (2,496) |
| Unrealized gain on available for sale securities (b) | 6,444 | 693 |
| Shareholders' equity under U.S. GAAP | 125,878 | 107,539 |
| Total assets reported under Canadian GAAP | 275,722 | 210,499 |
| Add (deduct) | | |
| Exploration costs (a) | (102,194) | (62,168) |
| Unrealized gain on available for sale securities (b) | 6,444 | 693 |
| Total assets reported under U.S. GAAP | 179,972 | 149,024 |
| Total liabilities reported under Canadian GAAP | 54,094 | 38,989 |
| Add | | |
| Future income taxes | | 2,496 |
| Total liabilities reported under U.S. GAAP | 54,094 | 41,485 |

in thousands of Canadian dollars

| | Three Months Ended | | Nine Months Ended | |
|---|---------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| | August 31 | | August 31 | |
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Loss for the period reported under Canadian GAAP | (1,451) | (286) | (8,385) | (7,113) |
| Add (deduct) | | | | |
| Exploration costs (a) | (26,377) | (11,175) | (40,026) | (14,615) |
| Flow-through shares (d) | | | (4,228) | |
| Loss for the year under U.S. GAAP | (27,828) | (11,461) | (52,639) | (21,728) |
| Loss for the year before comprehensive income adjustment | (27,828) | (11,461) | (52,639) | (21,728) |
| Unrealized gain (loss) on available for sale securities (b) | 6,173 | 116 | 5,751 | (83) |
| Comprehensive (loss) income under U.S. GAAP | (21,655) | (11,345) | (46,888) | (21,811) |
| Net loss per common share U.S. GAAP | | | | |
| Basic and diluted | (0.41) | (0.19) | (0.79) | (0.38) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income | | | | |
| Opening balance | 271 | 141 | 693 | 340 |
| Unrealized gain (loss) on available for sale securities (b) | 6,173 | 116 | 5,751 | (83) |
| Closing balance | 6,444 | 257 | 6,444 | 257 |

| | Three Months Ended | | Nine Months Ended | |
|---|---------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| | August 31 | | August 31 | |
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Cash flows from operating activities under Canadian GAAP | (921) | (646) | (4,971) | (3,798) |
| Exploration costs (a) | (26,377) | (11,175) | (40,026) | (14,615) |
| Cash flows from operating activities under U.S. GAAP | (27,298) | (11,821) | (44,997) | (18,413) |
| Cash flows from investing activities under Canadian GAAP | (30,409) | (5,672) | (45,444) | (10,894) |
| Exploration costs (a) | 26,377 | 11,175 | 40,026 | 14,615 |
| Cash flows from investing activities under U.S. GAAP | (4,032) | 5,503 | (5,418) | 3,721 |

a) Exploration costs

Resource property costs and related exploration expenditures are capitalized in accordance with Canadian GAAP. For U.S. GAAP purposes, the Company expenses, as incurred, the exploration costs relating to unproven mineral properties. When proven and probable reserves are determined for a property and a feasibility study prepared, then subsequent exploration and development costs of the property would be capitalized. The capitalized costs of such properties would then be measured periodically for recoverability of carrying values under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 144.

b) Available for sale securities

Under U.S. GAAP, securities that are available for sale are recorded at fair value and unrealized gains or losses are part of comprehensive income. Under Canadian GAAP, there is no adjustment made for unrealized gains.

c) Comprehensive income

In addition to net income, comprehensive income includes all changes in equity during a period except those resulting from transactions with shareholders. Such items would include the cumulative unrecognized changes in fair value of securities that are available for sale.

d) Flow-through shares

In October 2004 the Company issued by way of private placement 1,980,200 flow-through common shares at \$10.10 per share. The Company received a net premium to market on this issuance of \$2,496,000 which was recorded in share capital as part of the transaction. For U.S. GAAP purposes the proceeds should be allocated between the offering of the shares and the sale of tax benefits when the shares are offered. The allocation is

made based on the difference between the quoted price of the shares and the amount the investor pays for the flow-through shares. A future income tax liability is recognized for the premium paid by the investors.

Upon renouncing the income tax deductions in 2005, the Company recorded a future income tax liability with a corresponding reduction in share capital under Canadian GAAP. For U.S. GAAP purposes the difference between the future income tax liability on renunciation and the premium is recorded as a future income tax expense.