

NORTHERN DYNASTY MINERALS LTD  
Form 6-K  
August 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**

For the month of **AUGUST 16, 2012**

Commission File Number: **001-32210**

**NORTHERN DYNASTY MINERALS LTD.**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**1500, 1040 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, BC 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 Press release August 16, 2012

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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: August 17, 2012

By: */s/ Ronald W. Thiessen*

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Ronald W. Thiessen  
Title: President & CEO

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