

NORTHERN DYNASTY MINERALS LTD
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Report of Foreign Private Issuer
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CIK #1164771

As at September 25, 2003

NORTHERN DYNASTY MINERALS LTD.

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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.

By: /s/ Jeffrey R. Mason
 Director and Chief Financial Officer

Date: September 25, 2003

* Print the name and title of the signing officer under his signature.

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**NORTHERN DYNASTY DRILLING CONTINUES TO INTERSECT
 EXCELLENT GOLD-COPPER GRADES AT PEBBLE PROJECT**

September 25, 2003 , Vancouver , BC - Ronald Thiessen, President and CEO of Northern Dynasty Minerals Ltd. (TSX Venture: NDM; OTCBB: NDMLF) is pleased to announce that drilling within the Pebble gold-copper-molybdenum deposit continues to outline substantial volumes of higher-grade mineralization. Successful delineation of the higher-grade gold-copper resources will enable rapid recovery of capital costs during the early years of a large scale mining operation. In addition, drilling is confirming that the higher-grade mineralization is continuous, that it is open to extension, that new higher-grade areas exist, and that the Pebble deposit has an excellent configuration for very low cost, open pit mining.

Results from recently completed drill holes numbered 3094 through 3105 are reported below and a drill hole location map is posted on our website at www.northerndynasty.com. One of the new highlights is step-out drill hole 3105, located outside the western boundary of the Pebble deposit, that intersected 46.5 metres grading 0.92% copper equivalent¹. This hole opens up the western side of the Pebble deposit to dramatic expansion. Core samples from nine more completed holes are being moved rapidly through the data logging and assaying process and results from these holes will be reported when received. Drilling is ongoing with approximately 20,000 feet still to be drilled within the currently budgeted 65,000 foot drilling phase.

| Drill Hole Number | From (metres) | To (metres) | Intercept (metres) | Intercept (feet) | Au g/t | Cu % | Mo % | CuEQ¹ % |
|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| 3094 | 109.1 | 203.6 | 94.5 | 310 | 0.46 | 0.36 | 0.018 | 0.71 |

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| 3094 | Incl. | 139.6 | 197.5 | 57.9 | 190 | 0.48 | 0.41 | 0.021 | 0.79 |
| 3095 | | 27.1 | 176.5 | 149.4 | 490 | 0.42 | 0.63 | 0.030 | 1.00 |
| 3095 | Incl. | 27.1 | 61.6 | 34.5 | 113 | 0.37 | 0.75 | 0.024 | 1.07 |
| 3095 | Incl. | 96.7 | 157.0 | 60.3 | 198 | 0.54 | 0.76 | 0.032 | 1.21 |
| 3096 | | 112.5 | 398.1 | 285.6 | 937 | 0.28 | 0.30 | 0.020 | 0.55 |
| 3096 | Incl. | 164.4 | 193.6 | 29.2 | 96 | 0.39 | 0.34 | 0.037 | 0.71 |
| 3097 | | 30.2 | 106.4 | 76.2 | 250 | 0.34 | 0.45 | 0.062 | 0.88 |
| 3098 | | 42.1 | 224.6 | 182.5 | 599 | 0.30 | 0.42 | 0.047 | 0.76 |
| 3098 | Incl. | 42.1 | 99.4 | 57.3 | 188 | 0.44 | 0.64 | 0.046 | 1.07 |
| 3099 | | 5.5 | 51.2 | 45.7 | 150 | 0.73 | 0.62 | 0.011 | 1.12 |
| 3100 | Hole lost at bedrock | | | | | | | | |
| 3101 | | 70.5 | 89.1 | 18.6 | 61 | 0.38 | 0.52 | 0.018 | 0.83 |
| 3101 | | 151.8 | 353.8 | 202.0 | 663 | 0.22 | 0.29 | 0.021 | 0.50 |
| 3102 | | 23.8 | 77.4 | 53.6 | 176 | 0.49 | 0.36 | 0.007 | 0.69 |
| 3102 | | 189.9 | 290.2 | 100.3 | 329 | 0.37 | 0.52 | 0.013 | 0.80 |
| 3104 | | 51.2 | 252.4 | 201.2 | 660 | 0.31 | 0.42 | 0.016 | 0.67 |
| 3104 | Incl. | 106.1 | 146.2 | 40.1 | 132 | 0.35 | 0.55 | 0.026 | 0.87 |
| 3105 | | 48.1 | 94.6 | 46.5 | 153 | 0.25 | 0.62 | 0.043 | 0.92 |

Note 1

Copper equivalent calculations use metal prices of US\$0.80/lb for copper, US\$350/oz for gold, and US\$4.50/lb for molybdenum. Copper equivalent estimates have not been adjusted for metallurgical recoveries of gold and copper. Molybdenum recovery is assumed to be 60%. Adjustment factors to account for differences in relative metallurgical recoveries for gold, copper, and molybdenum will depend upon the completion of definitive metallurgical testing. $CuEQ = Cu(\%) + (Au \text{ (g/t)} \times 11.25/17.64) + (Mo(\%) \times 59.52/17.64)$

The Pebble deposit is one of the world's largest undeveloped gold and copper resources. Prior to Northern Dynasty's drill program this year, Snowden Mining Industry Consultants Inc. estimated an inferred mineral resource for the deposit of 1.0 billion tonnes grading 0.61% copper-equivalent¹ (0.40 g/t Au, 0.30% Cu, and 0.015% Mo above a cut-off grade of 0.30% copper equivalent). This resource estimate contains 13.1 million ounces of gold and 6.8 billion pounds of copper. It is based on 80 widely spaced holes drilled by Teck Cominco American Incorporated over the period 1988 to 1997; these holes were spaced from 100 to 250 metres apart throughout much of the deposit and up to 300 metres apart near the margins. Perhaps more importantly, Snowden also established for the first time that the

deposit contains significant amounts of higher-grade resources: 271 million tonnes of 0.86% copper-equivalent (0.59 g/t Au, 0.43% Cu and 0.018% Mo above a cut-off grade of 0.70% copper-equivalent). In addition, the work showed that the Pebble deposit and its higher-grade portions are open to substantial expansion.

Pebble deposit mineralization is very continuous with almost no internal waste and is persistent over a broad area measuring at least 1.7 kilometres E-W by 1.7 kilometres N-S. Mineralization begins right at the bedrock surface, which is covered only by a thin veneer of gravels ranging from 5 to 25 metres thick, indicating the deposit will have an unusually low stripping ratio. The deposit remains unconstrained, allowing for expansion in most directions and to the northeast under Tertiary cover. Its total depth extent is unknown. Many of Teck Cominco's 80 widely spaced holes, which averaged 163 metres deep, bottomed in mineralization (50% bottomed in 0.60% copper equivalent or better). The size of the Pebble deposit is expected to increase with delineation drilling to depth and outside the Snowden resource estimate boundary.

The Pebble deposit comprises only 5% of a giant, 89 square-kilometre sulphide system that is covered by the property. Recently, the United States Geological Survey listed the Pebble mineralized system as the most extensive in the world. Large scale porphyry systems such as these commonly host multiple deposits. Since commencing exploration work last year at Pebble, Northern Dynasty has made several new deposit discoveries and established many other targets for developing substantial gold, copper and molybdenum resources within this giant mineralized system. In addition to the 11 new holes reported above and drilled in the Pebble deposit area, Northern Dynasty also completed a new exploration hole numbered 3103, located 350 metres north of the Pebble deposit. It intersected low-grade stockwork gold mineralization over its entire length (235 metres grading 0.45 grams gold per tonne). This hole and previous Teck Cominco holes in this area grading 1.37 g/t Au over 50 metres and 1.03 g/t Au over 112 metres indicate the potential for substantial bulk tonnage, gold-only deposits peripheral to the Pebble deposit.

Mark Rebagliati, P.Eng, is the Qualified Person for the Pebble Project and is supervising the quality control and quality assurance program. Logging and sampling is completed in Northern Dynasty's secure facility at Iliamna, Alaska. The NQ-size core is mechanically split and samples are transported to the SGS Mineral Services laboratory in Fairbanks for sample preparation. Sample pulps are shipped by airfreight to SGS Canada Inc., Toronto, Canada (an ISO 9002 certified laboratory) for analyses. Gold is determined by Fire Assay (FA) fusion with an Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy (AAS) finish. For results greater than 2,000 ppb gold, samples are re-analyzed by one-assay-ton FA fusion with a gravimetric finish. Copper assays are conducted with sodium peroxide fusion and an Inductively Coupled Plasma-Emission Spectroscopy (ICP-ES) finish. All samples are analyzed for Cu and Mo, and 31 additional elements by aqua regia digestion ICP-ES. NDM includes standards and duplicates in addition to the laboratory's internal quality control work.

Northern Dynasty is focused on developing an entire world-class mineral district at its Pebble gold-copper-molybdenum project, located in southwestern Alaska. Porphyry deposits worldwide are known for their large size and suitability to bulk-mining methods. They are the world's most important source of copper and molybdenum and many rank among the largest gold producers. The Pebble project is easily accessible and has excellent infrastructure for development. It is only 132 kilometres from tidewater along a proposed road route to a year round deep-sea port on Cook Inlet. The town of Iliamna, 25 kilometres from the project, is served by 3 to 4 daily scheduled flights from Anchorage; paving of two 5000-foot runways at the Iliamna airport was completed this summer. The Pebble district is located in a region of low rolling hills, with an average elevation of only 300 metres above sea level, and enjoys a more favourable winter climate than much of the north-central United States.

Northern Dynasty holds options to acquire a 100% interest (subject to no underlying royalty or back-in rights) in the "Resource Lands" which host the Pebble deposit. It can also earn a minimum 50% interest in the extensive surrounding "Exploration Lands". Northern Dynasty is a Hunter Dickinson Inc. managed company with 29.9 million shares outstanding. Hunter Dickinson Inc. companies have a strong record of success in exploring and developing large gold-copper porphyry projects, several of which have yielded exceptional returns for their shareholders.

For further details on Northern Dynasty Minerals Ltd. and its Pebble Project please visit Northern Dynasty's website at www.northerndynasty.com or contact Investor Services at 604-684-6365 or within North America at 1-800-667-2114.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

/s/ Ronald W. Thiessen

Ronald W. Thiessen
President and CEO

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