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FORM 10-K

b ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE
ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011

o TRANSITION REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT
OF 1934

Commission file number 000-54213

NORTH BAY RESOURCES INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

83-0402389
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

2120 Bethel Road
Lansdale, Pennsylvania 19446
(Address of principal executive offices)

(215) 661-1100
(Issuer's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: None

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

Class A Common Stock, \$0.001 par value

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Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.
Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definition of “accelerated filer”, “large accelerated filer” and “smaller reporting company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

(Check one):

Large accelerated filer	Accelerated filer	Non-accelerated	Smaller reporting
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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

State the aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates computed by reference to the price at which the common equity was sold, or the average bid and asked price of such common equity, as of the last business day of the registrant’s most recently completed second fiscal quarter (June 30, 2011): \$14,891,571*

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the registrant’s classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date: 98,154,443 as of March 9, 2012.

*As reported on the Over-the-Counter Bulletin Board (OTCBB). Excludes 16,206,474 shares of common stock deemed to be held by officers and directors and stockholders whose ownership exceeds ten percent of the shares outstanding at June 30, 2011. Exclusion of shares held by any person should not be construed to indicate that such person possesses the power, direct or indirect, to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of the registrant, or that such person is controlled by or under common control with the registrant. The OTCBB is a centralized quotation service that collects and distributes market maker quotations for securities traded in the over-the-counter market. It displays real-time quotes, last-sale prices, and volume information for many over-the-counter securities that are not listed on the Nasdaq Stock Market or a national securities exchange. However, it is not recognized as an established trading market for securities. The registrant’s common stock trades on the OTCQB and OTCBB

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

None.

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PART I

Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements contained in this report (including information incorporated by reference) are “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and are intended to be covered by the safe harbor provided for under these sections. Our forward-looking statements include, without limitation:

- Statements regarding future earnings;
- Estimates of future mineral production and sales, for specific operations and on a consolidated or equity basis;
- Estimates of future costs applicable to sales, other expenses and taxes for specific operations and on a consolidated basis;
- Estimates of future cash flows;
- Estimates of future capital expenditures and other cash needs, for specific operations and on a consolidated basis, and expectations as to the funding thereof;
- Estimates regarding timing of future capital expenditures, construction, production or closure activities;
- Statements as to the projected development of certain ore deposits, including estimates of development and other capital costs and financing plans for these deposits;
- Estimates of reserves and statements regarding future exploration results and reserve replacement and the sensitivity of reserves to metal price changes;
- Statements regarding our ability to raise capital and the availability and costs related to future borrowing, debt repayment and financing;
- Statements regarding modifications to hedge and derivative positions;
- Statements regarding future transactions;
- Statements regarding the impacts of changes in the legal and regulatory environment in which we operate;
- Unexpected changes in business and economic conditions;
- Changes in interest rates and currency exchange rates;
- Technological changes in the mining industry;
- Changes in exploration and overhead costs;

- The level of demand for our products;
- Changes in our business strategy;
- Changes in exploration results;
- Estimates of future costs and other liabilities for certain environmental matters.

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- Interpretation of drill hole results and the geology, grade and continuity of mineralization;
- The uncertainty of mineralized material estimates and timing of development expenditures;
- Results of future feasibility studies, if any;
- Timing and amount of production, if any;
- Access to and availability of materials, equipment, supplies, labor and supervision, power and water; and
- Commodity price fluctuations;

Where we express an expectation or belief as to future events or results, such expectation or belief is expressed in good faith and believed to have a reasonable basis. However, our forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties, and other factors, which could cause actual results to differ materially from future results expressed, projected or implied by those forward-looking statements. Such risks include, but are not limited to: the ability of North Bay Resources Inc. to obtain or maintain necessary financing; the price of gold, silver and other commodities; currency fluctuations; geological and metallurgical assumptions; operating performance of equipment, processes and facilities; labor relations; timing of receipt of necessary governmental permits or approvals; domestic laws or regulations, particularly relating to the environment and mining; domestic and international economic and political conditions; and other risks and hazards associated with mining operations. More detailed information regarding these factors is included in Item 1, Business, Item 1A, Risk Factors, and elsewhere throughout this report. Given these uncertainties, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on our forward-looking statements.

Available Information

The Company maintains an internet website at www.northbayresources.com. The Company makes available, free of charge, through the Investor Information section of the web site, its Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, Section 16 filings and all amendments to those reports, as soon as reasonably practicable after such material is electronically filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Any of the foregoing information is available in print to any stockholder who requests it by contacting our Investor Relations Department at 215-661-1100.

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Item 1. Business

Corporate Background and Our Business

The Company was incorporated in the State of Delaware on June 18, 2004 under the name Ultimate Jukebox, Inc. On September 4, 2004, Ultimate Jukebox, Inc. merged with NetMusic Corporation, and subsequently changed the Company name to NetMusic Entertainment Corporation. On March 10, 2006, the Company ceased digital media distribution operations, began operations as a natural resources company, and changed the Company name to Enterayon, Inc. On January 15, 2008, the Company merged with and assumed the name of its wholly-owned subsidiary, North Bay Resources Inc. As a result of the merger, Enterayon, Inc. was effectively dissolved, leaving North Bay Resources Inc. as the remaining company.

The Company's business plan is based on the Generative Business Model, which we believe can generate a steady stream of revenue before any property is ever developed into a commercial mining operation. The Generative Business Model comprises the following steps:

1. Targeting and acquiring mining properties with good historical assays. (1)
2. Identifying potential partners for the development of each of the Company's properties and entering into joint-venture or option agreements. In most cases, the partner is another mining company whose shares trade on a public exchange.
3. The initial agreement usually comprises a small non-refundable cash payment in advance and a significant number of shares in the stock of the partner or acquiring company. Cash and shares increase in staged payments on the anniversary date of the agreement. In the case of an option agreement, the Company will retain a Net Smelter Royalty with a buyout provision should the property be the site of a major discovery and/or developed into a commercially-operating mine. In the case of a joint-venture, we retain a percentage of ownership, typically 50%, in the event the partner satisfies all the terms of the contract to completion. (2)
4. The partner or acquiring company also must commit to a specific work program over a period of several years to develop the property, often involving a commitment of several million dollars.
5. We believe these work programs enable us to maintain our properties for little or no cost, as the annual maintenance fees due to the government are offset by the amount of money spent on property exploration and development paid for by our partners. Any surplus of expenditures beyond what is due to maintain the properties can then be applied as "portable assessment credits" towards the maintenance of other Company properties that are not yet producing revenue but which have good prospects of doing so in the future. (3)
6. If at anytime the partner defaults on the work agreement or does not make staged cash or stock payments by the anniversary date, the property then reverts back to us, which then leaves us free to find another partner and begin the process all over again.

(1) The acquisition of a mining property conveys the mineral or placer rights for mining-related purposes only, and while our rights allow us to use the surface of a claim for mining and exploration activities, our claims do not convey any other surface, residential or recreational rights to the Company. Additionally, our right to extraction is not absolute, as any mechanized extraction work on claims in BC requires additional permits and possibly conversion of our claims to mining leases, the approval of which is not guaranteed. The initial term of any claim staked in British Columbia is one year. This term may be extended for up to 10 years at a time by filing a statement of work showing minimum expenditures on a mineral claim of \$4 per hectare per year for the first 3 years, and \$8 per hectare per year

for each year thereafter, plus a registration fee of \$0.40 per hectare. In the event no work is performed by the anniversary date of each claim, the claims may be extended for up to one year at a time by paying the work commitment as a fee to the Province of British Columbia, which is referred to as Cash In Lieu Of Work (“CIL fee”). These fees are the responsibility of the Company to maintain our mineral or placer rights in good standing.

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(2) As of December 31, 2010, the Company had two joint-ventures under contract, one with Silver Quest Resources Ltd on the Company's Fawn Property, and another with Lincoln Resources Inc on the Company's Coronation Gold Property. As of December 31, 2011, both of these joint-ventures have been terminated, and the Company regained 100% ownership of the subject properties. As of December 31, 2011, the Company has a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with Devlin's Bench Mining Ltd and P. Wright Contracting Ltd ("PWC") to engage in a joint-venture on the Company's Fraser River Platinum project. Subsequent to December 31, 2011, the MOU was amended to include a second joint-venture on the Company's Monte Cristo property. As of the date of this report, a definitive agreement has not yet been executed. Under the terms of the MOU, a definitive agreement will be signed within 60 days of formal permit approval by the British Columbia Ministry of Mines and the local First Nations governments. Said permits have been applied for, but as of the date of this report these milestones have not yet been achieved, and there is no guarantee that such approvals will be forthcoming.

(3) Our primary cost in any option or JV agreements is typically the degree to which we give up our rights to any property. In the case of an option agreement, we give up all of our rights if all of the terms of the contract are fulfilled, and will only retain a net smelter royalty (NSR), typically 2%. In the case of a joint-venture, we will generally retain only 25% to 50% of our rights if all of the terms of the contract are fulfilled, and may be subject to further dilution should we elect not to further participate in the joint-venture. An exception to this is when a joint-venture is agreed to on a profit-sharing basis, where the Company elects to retain 100% ownership of the project, and both parties are obligated to contribute its share of the project development costs.

Our properties in British Columbia are located and acquired through the use of a suite of online applications which are provided to people and companies licensed to acquire and maintain mineral rights within the Province of British Columbia. Mineral Titles Online (MTO) is an Internet-based mineral titles administration system provided and maintained by the British Columbia Ministry of Energy, Mines, and Petroleum Resources (MEMPR) that allows the mineral exploration industry to acquire and maintain mineral titles by selecting the area on a seamless digital GIS map of British Columbia and pay the associated fees electronically.

The MTO system is also interactively linked to British Columbia's MINFILE Project and Assessment Report Indexing System (ARIS), both of which are provided and maintained by the British Columbia Geological Survey (BCGS).

The MINFILE Project is a mineral inventory system that contains information on more than 12,300 metallic mineral, industrial mineral and coal occurrences in British Columbia. It is used by industry, governments, universities and the public to find information on documented mineralization anywhere in British Columbia, develop exploration strategies, conduct geoscience research, and evaluate the resource potential of an area.

The ARIS database has over 30,500 approved mineral exploration assessment reports filed by the exploration and mining industry since 1947. These reports provide information on geological, geophysical, geochemical, drilling and other exploration-related activities throughout B.C.

Both MINFILE and ARIS are interlinked with MTO, which combined and interfaced with other geospatial applications such as Google Earth, provide a skilled user with the ability to virtually visit any location in British Columbia, analyze its geographical and geological setting, access and evaluate its geological records and the historical archives of any prior development work, and determine the relative value of a given area. If the area is also open to staking, a claim can then be staked, and the required claim registration fees can be paid immediately and interactively.

The Company also plans on generating revenue through mining once commercial operations begin on any of its properties. Towards this end, the Company has acquired the Ruby Mine (the "Ruby") in Sierra County, California. The purchase price was \$2,500,000, of which \$510,000 in cash and stock was paid as of the closing date of July 1, 2011, and the remaining \$1,990,000 is a seller-financed mortgage at a 3% interest rate per annum. The mortgage is to be

paid in full on or before December 30, 2012. As part of the terms of acquisition, the seller received 10 million shares of the Company's common stock with a market value of \$150,000 as of the day the agreement was signed, and which was then applied to the purchase price. The seller has also been granted 10 million 5-year warrants exercisable at 2 cents, 2 million 5-year warrants exercisable at 9 cents, and 2 million 5-year warrants exercisable at 10 cents.

This is an arms-length transaction, and there is no family or other relationship with any affiliate of the seller, Ruby Development Company, with any officer, director, or affiliate of North Bay Resources Inc.

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Operational funding for the Ruby project of up to \$7.5 million is to be provided through the federal EB-5 program described below. It is expected that this funding will be non-dilutive, as no shares of Company stock will be issued to EB-5 investors. The EB-5 funding will be debt, which must be repaid from mining operations over five years and at an interest rate of no more than 6%. In the interim, if the Company has not generated enough revenue from claim sales and joint-ventures to meet our commitments, we believe we can rely on our equity credit line established by way of our Securities Purchase Agreement with Tangiers, LP to cover our acquisition costs.

The Company presently has an agreement with ACG Consulting, LLC ("ACG") intended to establish a new economic Regional Center ("RC") under the federal EB-5 program (the "EB-5 Program") that will encompass all of Northern California's Gold Country. Once established, the Regional Center is expected to provide full funding for the Company's prospective mining projects in Northern California.

EB-5 is a federal program authorized by the US Congress in the Immigration Act of 1990, and is intended to help stimulate the US economy by creating new jobs in rural areas or areas of high unemployment. The term "EB-5" is an acronym for "the fifth employment based visa preference category." As it implies, the source of the investment capital comes from overseas investors who wish to immigrate to the US by investing in a commercial enterprise that will benefit the US economy and create at least 10 full-time jobs. The program is administered by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services ("USCIS"), as provided under Section 610 of Public Law 102-395. Since its inception in 1990, the EB-5 Program has been the conduit through which over \$1 billion has been invested by foreign nationals in US enterprises to create jobs throughout the US economy.

A USCIS designated "Regional Center" under the EB-5 Pilot Program is defined as any economic unit, public or private, engaged in the promotion of economic growth, improved regional productivity, job creation and increased domestic capital investment.

Once USCIS has approved a Regional Center application, an investor seeking an EB-5 green card through the Regional Center Investment Program must make the qualifying investment of \$1 million within an approved Regional Center. If the investment is also within a USCIS-designated targeted employment area ("TEA"), of which Sierra County, California, where the Ruby Mine is located, is so designated, then the minimum investment requirement is \$500,000. Before an investor can participate in a Regional Center EB-5 investment program, each investor must independently petition USCIS for an EB-5 visa. USCIS solely determines whether the investor qualifies for the EB-5 visa. USCIS' diligence includes a detailed review of the sources of the investor's funds, family history, and other representations of the head of household and his immediate family members under the age of 21. Each investor must further demonstrate that at least 10 or more full-time jobs will be created directly or indirectly as a result of the investment into our project.

Upon approval by USCIS, the Regional Center will serve as the legal vehicle through which investment capital may be solicited from foreign nationals under the EB-5 Program, in reliance upon Regulation S, to provide EB-5 financing for all approved industries within the Regional Center's designated geographical area. The new Regional Center will encompass all of what is commonly known as "Gold Country", which traverses State Route 49 from Plumas County in the north to Mariposa County in the south. The full extent of the Regional Center is expected to include all of the counties in Northern California from Monterey up to the Oregon border, and from the Pacific coastline across to the Nevada border.

The agreement provides that North Bay and ACG shall form a Limited Liability Corporation ("LLC") concurrent with the filing of our Regional Center application with USCIS, in which North Bay will own 49% of the Regional Center, and ACG will own 51%. ACG and North Bay, working together through the Regional Center, will seek to raise up to \$7.5M in EB-5 funding for North Bay's initial mining project, subject to USCIS approval. ACG will also be an equity partner by way of membership in a joint-venture LLC in each project North Bay may bring into the Regional Center,

the amount of which will vary on a deal by deal basis based on the amount of consulting services ACG actually provides, and the amount of EB-5 funding actually received. At the present time, no projects other than mining are being considered, and the industry focus for the Regional Center is expected to be limited to mining initially.

Terms of the agreement specify that upon filing an application for a new Regional Center with USCIS, North Bay shall pay ACG up to \$50,000 as its share of the startup expenses. In lieu of cash, North Bay may elect to issue a convertible debenture to ACG, at an interest rate of 8%, and convertible to shares of common stock, the number of shares of which, if and when issued, shall be equal to the principal and interest to be paid on the date of conversion divided by the prevailing market price of our common stock on the date of conversion. In the event the Company does issue a convertible debenture, we expect it to be dilutive to shareholders, the extent of which will be determined by the market price of our shares on the day of conversion. In addition, upon receipt by the Company of the first tranche of EB-5 funding at a minimum of \$500,000, the Company shall reimburse ACG for its share of the marketing expenses in the amount of \$110,000 cash. The Company will await guidance from USCIS after the Regional Center is established as to whether marketing costs incurred to secure funds through the EB-5 program can be recouped from EB-5 funds subsequently received. Alternatively, if the Company has not generated enough revenue from claim sales and joint-ventures to cover these costs, we believe we can rely on our equity credit line established by way of our Securities Purchase Agreement with Tangiers, LP to cover these expenses. As of December 31, 2011, the Company has paid a total of \$37,216 in startup expenses incurred by ACG to prepare and file EB-5 applications with USCIS. These expenses have been paid in full, in cash, and as such there will be no convertible debenture issued in connection with this agreement. As of December 31, 2011, no shares have been or will be issued in connection with this agreement.

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Subsequent to the execution of the agreement with ACG, the Company was presented with the opportunity to include the Ruby Project within the scope of an existing USCIS-approved EB-5 Regional Center, and with the goal of expediting the approval process for the Ruby Project by USCIS, the Company, together with ACG, has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) with an existing Regional Center, the Northern California Regional Center, LLC (“NCRC”). NCRC has agreed to expand the scope of its USCIS-approved designation to include mining projects in the counties of Sierra and Nevada in Northern California, and together with ACG has agreed to sponsor North Bay's application to obtain \$7.5 million through the EB-5 Program for the Ruby Project in Sierra County, California.

NCRC was approved on April 22, 2010 by USCIS as a designated EB-5 Regional Center, and is currently approved to sponsor qualifying investments in such capacity within the Northern California counties of Colusa, Butte, Glenn, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Shasta, Sutter, Tehama, Yuba and Yolo (the “Regional Center’s Geographic Area”). Pursuant to its regional center designation, NCRC may sponsor qualifying investments in certain industry economic sectors that do not currently include mining. The MOU provides that NCRC will seek USCIS approval for an expansion of NCRC’s Regional Center Geographic Area (the “Expansion”) to include the counties of Nevada and Sierra, where the Ruby Mine is located, and for approval to include mining within its designated industry sectors (the “Mining Designation”).

The applications and all supporting documentation required by USCIS were filed by NCRC in January, 2011. In July, 2011, NCRC received formal approval by USCIS for the expansion of the Regional Center, and the inclusion of the Ruby Mine as a qualified EB-5 project.

With the approval of the Expansion and Mining Designation by USCIS, NCRC is now permitted to sponsor qualified investments in North Bay’s Ruby Project under the EB-5 Program. The MOU provides that NCRC will receive a \$5,000 administrative fee to be paid by each investor independent of the investor’s minimum EB-5 investment of \$500,000. In addition, upon the Ruby Project receiving the aggregate sum of \$7,500,000 through the EB-5 Program, NCRC shall be entitled to an undivided one and one half percent (1.5%) interest in the Ruby Project. No shares of Company stock have been or will be issued in connection with this agreement, and the entire EB-5 funding is expected to be non-dilutive to shareholders. While a new Regional Center remains a long-term goal of North Bay and ACG, the agreement to bring the Ruby Project within the scope of a pre-existing Regional Center is seen by the Company as the most efficient and expeditious way to complete funding for the Ruby Project through the EB-5 Program in the near-term. This is an arms-length agreement, and neither the Company nor any of its officers or directors has any ownership position or pre-existing relationship with NCRC.

Procedurally, once USCIS has approved the Ruby Project, regardless of whether under the auspices of NCRC’s Regional Center or a new Regional Center owned by North Bay and ACG, the Regional Center will organize a Limited Partnership (“LP”) that will be made up of the foreign investors, as limited partners, each of whom will subscribe to a Regulation S offering and purchase