

Northern Securities enters into agreements to assign client accounts to two brokerage firms by bulk transfer and anticipates remaining client accounts to be assigned to up to three additional brokerage firms

TORONTO, Dec. 24, 2012 /CNW/ - Northern Financial Corporation (TSX-V: NFC) ("**Northern Financial**" or the "**Company**") announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Northern Securities Inc. ("**NSI**") has entered into agreements to assign certain client accounts to two brokerage firms by bulk transfer. The first brokerage firm has agreed to employ the 16 investment advisors who are responsible for the client accounts that are to be transferred to the first firm. The 16 investment advisors are eight investment advisors in Calgary, four investment advisors in Vancouver, two investment advisors in Brandon and one investment advisor in each of Nanaimo, British Columbia and Toronto.

A second brokerage firm has agreed to employ the three investment advisors in Toronto who are responsible for the client accounts being transferred to the second firm.

In addition to the above client account transfers, NSI anticipates that eight investment advisors will be transferred to up to three additional brokerage firms, along with their client accounts. NSI anticipates that it will enter into agreements with the additional brokerage firms for such firms to accept the client accounts of the eight investment advisors.

All of the client account transfers are being done pursuant to a consent order, agreed upon by IIROC and NSI, issued by an IIROC Hearing Panel ("Order") on December 14, 2012. The Order was issued as a result of NSI being unable to obtain an alternative carrying broker or other alternative arrangement to replace Person Financial Services Canada Inc. ("Person"), which is discontinuing its carrying broker business as of December 31, 2012.

As of the close of business on December 31, 2012, NSI will limit its activities to mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance and research, and cease any sales and advisory activity for retail or institutional accounts. However, NSI may seek approval from IIROC for any other registrable activities and is required to seek approval for any change in business.

About Northern Financial Corporation

Northern Financial Corporation wholly owns Northern Securities Inc., a dealer member of IIROC that provides investment banking services to small capitalization companies.

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