



NORTHERN ANNOUNCES RESTRUCTURING OF BALANCE SHEET AND RESIGNATION OF AUDITORS AS PART OF THE RESTRUCTURING

TORONTO, ONTARIO, February 19, 2013 – Northern Financial Corporation (TSX-V: NFC) (“**Northern Financial**” or the “**Company**”) announced that, together with its wholly-owned subsidiary, Northern Securities Inc. (“**NSI**”), it has initiated an informal restructuring of its balance sheet, seeking to reduce the amount of liabilities outstanding. A successful restructuring will provide the Company with flexibility and time to transition to an advisory focused business and to seek to raise additional capital.

Northern and NSI also announced that Grant Thornton LLP (“Grant Thornton”) has resigned as auditors as part of an agreement reached to restructure amounts owing to Grant Thornton. Northern expects to announce the hiring of a new auditing firm in the near future.

About Northern Financial Corporation

Northern Financial Corporation, collectively with its wholly owned subsidiary, Northern Securities Inc., is a financial advisory firm and merchant bank, with a specialization in mergers and acquisitions, merchant banking investments, risk arbitrage merger and acquisition investments, proxy solicitation and information agent services, financial restructuring, and equity research.

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