



## **Northern Financial Reports on Approved Settlement between IIROC Staff and Northern Securities**

TORONTO, ONTARIO, March 19, 2013 – Northern Financial Corporation (TSX-V: NFC) (“**Northern Financial**” or the “**Company**”) announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Northern Securities Inc. (“**NSI**”), entered into a settlement agreement with IIROC Staff regarding certain allegations by IIROC Staff concerning NSI’s risk adjusted capital and financial controls. The settlement agreement was today approved by an IIROC Hearing Panel.

Under the terms of the settlement agreement, NSI’s IIROC membership is immediately suspended. NSI will immediately cease dealing with the public as a Dealer Member. Upon satisfying certain conditions, following six months after the date of the settlement agreement, either IIROC Staff or NSI may apply to an IIROC Hearing Panel to terminate NSI’s IIROC membership.

### **About Northern Financial Corporation**

Northern Financial Corporation is a financial advisory firm and merchant bank, with a specialization in mergers and acquisitions, merchant banking investments, risk arbitrage merger and acquisition investments, financial restructurings, proxy solicitation and information agent services.

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