



**For Immediate Release**

**NORTHERN FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

**(TSX: NFC)**

**NORTHERN CLOSES FIRST TRANCHE OF PUBLIC OFFERING AND RETIRES \$3.2 MILLION OF DEBT**

TORONTO, ONTARIO, March 30, 2011 – Northern Financial Corporation (TSX: NFC) (“Northern” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce that it has closed the first tranche of its short form prospectus offering by issuing an aggregate of 11,384,998 common shares (the “Common Shares”) of the Company at a price of \$0.30 per Common Share.

6,666,667 Common Shares were issued for total gross proceeds of \$2,000,000 (the “Offering”) and an aggregate of 4,718,331 Common Shares (the “Payment Shares”) were issued to settle \$1,415,500 of outstanding debt. In addition, \$1,773,208 of the proceeds of the Offering were used to repay the remainder of the Company's outstanding debentures. Following repayment Northern has retired an aggregate of approximately \$3.2 million in debt and has no debentures remaining outstanding.

The Common Shares were issued pursuant to the Company's short form prospectus dated February 25, 2011. The Offering was sold on an agency basis by a syndicate comprised of Northern Securities Inc. and Byron Capital Markets Ltd. (the “Agents”).

In connection with the Offering, the Agents were paid a cash commission equal to 7% of the gross proceeds received by the Company in respect of the Offering. In addition, the Company issued broker warrants which entitle the holders to purchase 7% of the number of Common Shares sold in the Offering, representing 466,666 Common Shares, at a price of \$0.30 on or prior to March 30, 2013.

After giving effect to the Offering and the issuance of the Payment Shares, Northern has no debentures outstanding and has 25,472,621 issued and outstanding common shares.

Vic Alboini, Northern's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer stated “We are very pleased to have retired the full principal amount of our debentures and to revitalize our balance sheet. We welcome our new investors to the Company and we are very focused on creating shareholder value.”

The Company expects that it will have one or more additional closings, although the dates of such closings are not yet known.

A copy of Northern's final prospectus is available at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

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