

## NORTHERN SECURITIES TO LEAD \$5,000,000 FINANCING FOR CANADIAN ZINC CORPORATION

TORONTO, May 12 /CNW/ - Northern Securities Inc. ("Northern Securities"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Northern Financial Corporation (TSX:NFC) ("NFC"), is pleased to announce that it has been engaged as agent, to raise gross proceeds of up to \$5,000,000 in Units (the "Offering") for Canadian Zinc Corporation (TSX:CZN) ("Canadian Zinc"). Canadian Zinc's principal focus is to advance towards production the Prairie Creek Mine, a zinc/lead/silver property located in the Northwest Territories of Canada. This will be the fifth financing that Northern Securities has led for Canadian Zinc, a client relationship dating back to 2006.

The Units are priced at \$0.90 and are comprised of one common share and a half common share purchase warrant. Each whole warrant shall be exercisable for one common share at an exercise price of \$1.15 until 18 months from the date of closing. Canadian Zinc has granted Northern Securities an over-allotment option to purchase up to an additional \$1,000,000 in Units.

Completion of the Offering is subject to certain conditions, including approval by the Toronto Stock Exchange and other regulatory agencies. Northern Securities and Canadian Zinc may invite other IIROC firms to participate in a syndicate for the Offering. All securities issued pursuant to the Offering will be subject to a four-month hold period. The Offering is expected to be completed on or about May 31, 2011.

The net proceeds of the Offering will be used to advance the Canadian Zinc's Prairie Creek Mine in the Northwest Territories of Canada towards production and for working capital purposes.

Northern Securities will be paid a commission fee of 7% in cash and 7% in broker warrants exercisable for Units for a period of 18 months from the date of closing of the Offering.

### About Northern Financial Corporation

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