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**NORTHERN DIGITAL INC. ONE OF CANADA'S 50 BEST
MANAGED COMPANIES**

WATERLOO, CANADA – December 12, 2001: Northern Digital Inc. (NDI), winner of the “Canada’s 50 Best Managed Companies” award in 2000, has re-qualified for the award in 2001. Northern Digital was selected from more than 800 Canadian companies for the award.

Recipients are judged for leadership in multiple aspects of their operations including new technology, globalization and strategic planning, company culture and brand. The annual award is sponsored by Andersen, CIBC, National Post and Queen’s School of Business.

David Crouch, President of NDI said “We’re especially honoured to be named one of Canada’s 50 best managed companies for a second year in a row. It demonstrates our commitment to continuous improvement and is the crown to another phenomenal year of growth for Northern Digital. Most important of all, it is a testament to our world- calibre employees and products.”

“The *50 Best* award scrutinizes all aspects of a company’s operations: employees, strategy and vision, customer satisfaction, and business practices. This award demonstrates our solid business credentials to our customers, partners and employees,” he said.

About the 50 Best Award

Created in 1993, the *50 Best* award includes in-depth interviews conducted by Andersen professional services. Sponsored by CIBC, National Post, Andersen and Queen’s School of Business this year, more than 5,000 companies have applied for the award since its inception.

About Northern Digital

Northern Digital Inc., headquartered in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2001. The company is the world’s leading provider of advanced spatial measurement technology for such diverse applications as aerospace, computer assisted surgery (neurosurgery and spinal surgery), robotics and human motion measurement.

With revenue growth of more than 50% for the year ending February 2001, the company continues to build on its strengths in medical, research and industrial markets around the world with more than 3,500 installations in 25 countries. In support of its global customers, the company opened its European offices in Markdorf, Germany earlier this year and will open its Asia-Pacific offices in Hong Kong next month.

See www.ndigital.com for more information about the company, its products and other recent awards.

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