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NDI RECEIVES CANADA'S 50 BEST MANAGED PRIVATE COMPANY AWARD

WATERLOO, CANADA – December 13, 2000: Local technology company Northern Digital Inc. (NDI) was named today as a recipient of the Canada's 50 Best Managed Private Companies award for 2000 sponsored by CIBC, National Post and Arthur Andersen.

Recipients are judged based on how they embrace new technology, globalization and a new generation of people entering the workforce, and how they recognize the increased importance of leadership, strategy, culture, brand and technology.

David Crouch, President of NDI said "This award has topped an amazing year for our company. We have achieved our ISO 9001 registration, experienced record growth and received recognition as one of Canada's 50 Best Managed Private Companies. This is indeed validation that our employees and products are world class."

Crouch further added "The *50 Best* award focuses on all aspects of a company's operations: employees, strategy and vision, customer satisfaction, and business practices. What this award indicates is that our company offers solid business credentials to customers, partners and employees."

About the 50 Best Award

Created in 1993, the *50 Best* award includes in-depth interviews conducted by Arthur Andersen. Sponsored by CIBC, National Post and Arthur Andersen, more than 5,000 companies have applied for the award since 1993. An independent panel of judges chose the 50 recipients each year.

About Northern Digital

Northern Digital Inc., headquartered in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, 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.

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