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NDI HONOURED FOR EXCELLENCE IN TECHNOLOGY

WATERLOO, CANADA – November 5, 2001: International technology leader Northern Digital Inc. (NDI) has been presented with the KPMG Award for Excellence in Technology at the 17th Annual Waterloo Region Business Achievement Awards. The event is hosted each year by Junior Achievement of Waterloo Region.

NDI is a Waterloo, Ontario based company specializing in the development, manufacture and sale of advanced spatial measurement solutions for medical, research and industrial markets. The company's technology is used in a wide range of applications from image guided surgery for neurosurgery and orthopedics, to industrial applications including quality inspection and reverse engineering.

In presenting the award, Rosemary Trakalo, Executive Director for Junior Achievement of Waterloo Region, described NDI as "an innovator in emerging technologies", "an export leader with customer service second to none in the industry", and "an outstanding model to the established business community".

David Crouch, President of NDI, said "This award is a tribute to NDI employees around the world and reflects the support of local educational and business institutions including Canada's Technology Triangle and Communitech."

Crouch said, "We will continue to build on our successes with new market opportunities that are emerging in specific medical, research and industrial sectors. A number of exciting product launches are scheduled in the next 12 months that will combine our two decades of experience with the emerging needs of new customers."

About the Waterloo Region Business Achievement Awards

The Waterloo Region Business Achievement Awards were introduced by Junior Achievement of Waterloo Region to honour local businesses that have excelled or made an outstanding community contribution. This year, more than 60 companies were nominated in a total of six categories. Adjudicators ranged from local university leaders to senior management with internationally known technology and manufacturing companies in the Waterloo Region.

About NDI

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 exceeding 50% for the year ending February 2001 and employees now totaling more than 130, the company continues to build on its strengths in medical, research and industrial markets around the world where it now has more than 3,500 installations in 25 countries.

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

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