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NORTHBRIDGE ANNOUNCES LOSS ESTIMATES FOR HURRICANE KATRINA

(Note: All dollar amounts in this release are expressed in U.S. dollars.)

Northbridge Financial Corporation (TSX:NB) announces that its initial estimate of aggregate potential net losses relating to Hurricane Katrina is in the range of \$20 million to \$30 million before taxes. These estimates are based on a preliminary review and on an estimated total insured loss from Hurricane Katrina of \$30 billion. Northbridge recognizes that at this early stage it is not possible to make a calculation of its financial exposure to claims relating to Hurricane Katrina with a high degree of certainty.

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