



News Release

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NORTHBRIDGE FINANCIAL CORPORATION ANNOUNCES THIRD QUARTER CONFERENCE CALL AND WEBCAST

Northbridge Financial Corporation (TSX: NB) will hold its third quarter conference call and webcast at 9:30 am (Toronto time) on Friday, November 3, 2006 to discuss its third quarter results for 2006, which will be announced after the close of markets on Thursday, November 2, 2006 and will be available on the Company's website at www.norfin.com under "News Releases". The call, consisting of a presentation by management followed by a question period, will be broadcast live on the internet through the Company's website or may be accessed by telephone at (416) 695-6622 or (877) 888-3490. Presentation materials will be posted on the Company's website under "Financial Information" prior to the call. A replay will be available following the call on the same website or via telephone at (416) 695-5275 or (888) 509-0081 (passcode 632870) until midnight (Toronto time) on Friday, November 17, 2006.

Northbridge is the leading commercial property and casualty insurance group in Canada, providing property and casualty insurance products through its subsidiaries primarily in the Canadian market as well as in selected U.S. and international markets. Northbridge common shares are listed under the symbol NB on the Toronto Stock Exchange. Visit Northbridge's website at www.norfin.com for more information.

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