

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY CO
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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Report of Foreign Issuer

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of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of January, 2010

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Canadian National Railway Company
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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Item 1

North America's Railroad

NEWS RELEASE

CN announces new share repurchase program
and seven per cent increase in quarterly cash dividend

MONTREAL, Jan. 26, 2010 — CN (TSX: CNR)(NYSE: CNI) announced today that its Board of Directors has authorized a normal-course-issuer bid to purchase, for cancellation, up to 15 million, or 3.2 per cent, of the common shares outstanding of the Company not held by insiders on Jan. 18, 2010. Approximately 471.8 million CN common shares were issued and outstanding on that date.

The price to be paid by CN for any common shares will be the market price at the time of acquisition, plus brokerage fees, or such other price as the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) may permit.

The new repurchase program – starting Jan. 29, 2010, and ending no later than Dec. 31, 2010 – will be conducted through the facilities of the Toronto and New York stock exchanges and will conform to their regulations. TSX rules permit CN to purchase daily, through TSX facilities, a maximum of 204,181 common shares under the Company's repurchase program. Purchases under the normal-course-issuer bid will be made by means of open market transactions or such other means as the TSX or a securities-regulatory authority may permit. CN has not purchased any common shares during the previous 12 months.

CN's management and directors currently believe that the purchase by the Company of its shares represents an appropriate use of its funds to increase shareholder value. Having a strong balance sheet and solid cash generation, CN can undertake the offer while continuing to pursue other opportunities.

CN also announced today that its Board of Directors has approved a seven per cent increase in the Company's quarterly cash dividend. A quarterly dividend of 27 cents (C\$0.27) per common share will be paid on March 31, 2010, to shareholders of record at the close of business on March 10, 2010.

Including today's announcement, CN has declared increases in its cash dividend 14 consecutive times since the Company's initial public offering of shares in 1995.

Luc Jobin, CN executive vice-president and chief financial officer, said: "CN has proved its resilience, posting solid financial results and free cash flow even during difficult economic times. This in turn enables the Company to reward its shareholders by increasing its dividend for 2010 and returning further cash to its shareholders through a new share buy-back program."

Forward-Looking Statements

Certain information included in this news release are “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and under Canadian securities laws, including potential purchases of common shares for cancellation under a normal course issuer bid. CN cautions that, by their nature, these forward-looking statements involve risk, uncertainties and assumptions, and are subject to our board's discretion in respect of the declaration of dividends. The Company cautions that its assumptions may not materialize and that the current economic conditions render such assumptions, although reasonable at the time they were made, subject to greater uncertainty.

Important factors that could affect the above forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, the effects of general economic and business conditions, industry competition, inflation, currency and interest rate fluctuations, changes in fuel prices, legislative and/or regulatory developments, compliance with environmental laws and regulations, actions by regulators, various events which could disrupt operations, including natural events such as severe weather, droughts, floods and earthquakes, labor negotiations and disruptions, environmental claims, uncertainties of investigations, proceedings or other types of claims and litigation, risks and liabilities arising from derailments, and other risks and assumptions detailed from time to time in reports filed by CN with securities regulators in Canada and the United States. Reference should be made to “Management’s Discussion and Analysis” in CN’s annual and interim reports, Annual Information Form and Form 40-F filed with Canadian and U.S. securities regulators, available on CN’s website, for a summary of major risks and assumptions.

CN – Canadian National Railway Company and its operating railway subsidiaries – spans Canada and mid-America, from the Atlantic and Pacific oceans to the Gulf of Mexico, serving the ports of Vancouver, Prince Rupert, B.C., Montreal, Halifax, New Orleans, and Mobile, Ala., and the key metropolitan areas of Toronto, Buffalo, Chicago, Detroit, Duluth, Minn./Superior, Wis., Green Bay, Wis., Minneapolis/St. Paul, Memphis, and Jackson, Miss., with connections to all points in North America. For more information on CN, visit the Company’s website at www.cn.ca.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE A NORMAL COURSE ISSUER
BID ("NCIB")

Issuer Name: CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY

Stock

Symbol: CNR

1. Securities Sought:

(a) Class(es) of securities subject to the NCIB : Common Shares

(b) Total number of securities:

(i) issued and outstanding: 471,802,113 (as of January 18, 2010)

(ii) if applicable, in the total public float : 470,474,396 (as of January 18, 2010)

(c) Percentage of securities that may be purchased under the NCIB:

(i) % of issued and outstanding (maximum 5%): N/A

(ii) % of the public float, as the case may be (maximum 10%): 3.19%

(d) Maximum number of securities that may be acquired under the NCIB: 47,047,439

(e) Number of securities the issuer intends to acquire under the NCIB: 15,000,000

Is the issuer an investment fund: No

(f)

If the answer is NO, the average daily trading volume for six months prior to date hereof: 816,727 shares for the period between July 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009

(g) Does the issuer have a class of restricted securities: No

If the answer is YES:

(i) describe the voting rights of all equity securities: N/A

(ii) if the issuer does not propose to make the same NCIB for all classes of voting and equity securities, the reasons for so limiting the NCIB: N/A

(h) Whether the securities are going to be cancelled. If such securities are not cancelled, state how such securities will be dealt with: Securities will be cancelled

2. Duration: State the dates on which the NCIB will commence and terminate. The NCIB may not extend for a period of more than one year from the date on which purchases may commence: January 29, 2010 up to and including

December 31, 2010.

3. Method of Acquisition: State the following:

(a) whether purchases will be effected through the facilities of TSX and identify any other exchanges or market places on which purchases will be made: Yes – the TSX and the NYSE or by such other means as may be permitted by the TSX, including pre-arranged crosses

(b) whether purchase and payment for the securities will be made by the issuer in accordance with the requirements of TSX: Yes, and in accordance with the requirements of NYSE

(c) whether the price that the issuer will pay for any securities acquired by it will be the market price of the securities at the time of acquisition: Yes, plus brokerage fees, or such other price as may be permitted by the TSX. All of the Common Shares purchased will be cancelled.

(d) whether purchases (other than by way of exempt offer) will be made other than by means of open market transactions during the period the NCIB is outstanding: Yes, and by other means as may be permitted by the TSX, including pre-arranged crosses and private agreements under an issuer bid exemption order issued by a securities regulatory authority.

4. Consideration Offered: State whether there are any restrictions on the price the offeror is prepared to pay and any other restrictions relating to the NCIB, such as specific funds available, method of purchasing, etc.: None

5. Reasons for the NCIB: State the purpose or business reasons for the NCIB: CNR's management and directors currently believe that the purchase by CNR of its shares represents an appropriate use of funds to increase shareholder value. Having a strong balance sheet and sustained cash flow generation, CNR can undertake the NCIB while continuing to pursue other opportunities aimed at supporting shareholder value creation.

6. Valuation: State whether there has been any appraisal or valuation of the issuer to the best knowledge of the directors or officers of the issuer, after reasonable enquiry, regarding the issuer, its material assets or securities prepared within the two years preceding the date of the notice, together with a statement of a reasonable time and place at which such appraisal or valuation, or a copy thereof, may be inspected. For this purpose, the phrase appraisal or valuation means both an independent appraisal or valuation and a material non-independent appraisal or valuation. If there has been such an appraisal or valuation, include a summary of such appraisal or valuation: To the best knowledge of CNR's directors and officers, after reasonable enquiry, CNR has not, in the past two-year period preceding the date hereof, obtained an appraisal or valuation regarding CNR or its material assets or securities.

7. Previous Purchases: – Where the issuer has purchased securities under a NCIB within the past 12 months, state the following:

(a) method of acquisition: None

(b) the number of securities purchased: None

(c) the weighted average price paid per security: N/A

8. Persons Acting Jointly or In Concert with the Issuer: Disclose the identity of any party acting jointly or in concert with the issuer: None

9. Acceptance by Insiders, Affiliates and Associates:

(a) name of every director or senior officer of the issuer who intends to sell securities of the issuer during the course of the NCIB: None – see below

(b) where their intention is known after reasonable enquiry, the name of every associate of a director or senior officer of the issuer, person acting jointly or in concert with the issuer, or person holding 10% or more of any class of equity securities of the issuer, who intends to sell securities: None - see below

Except as set out below, to the knowledge of the directors and senior officers of CNR, after reasonable enquiry, no director or senior officer of CNR and no associate of a director or senior officer of CNR or any person acting jointly or in concert with CNR, or any person holding 10% or more of any class of equity securities of CN, has any present intention to sell Common Shares during the period of the Offer. However, sales of Common Shares through the facilities of the Exchanges or otherwise by any of these persons or companies may occur during such period in the event that the circumstances or decisions of any such person or company change or their personal circumstances require such sales. Certain directors and senior officers of CNR may exercise options to purchase Common Shares under the existing stock option plans of CNR and in turn sell Common Shares in open market transactions.

10. Benefits from the NCIB: State direct or indirect benefits to any of the persons or companies named in item 9 of selling or not selling securities of the issuer during the course of the NCIB. An answer to this item is not required where the benefits to such person or company of selling or not selling securities are the same as the benefits to any other security holder who sells or does not sell: None

11. Material Changes in the Affairs of the Issuer: Disclose any previously undisclosed material changes or plans or proposals for material changes in the affairs of the issuer: None

12. Participating Organization Information:

Canada

U.S.

(a) Brokerage Firm: TD Securities Inc.

HSBC Securities (USA)

(b) N a m e o f Chris Finora
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number

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13. Disclose any significant information regarding the NCIB not disclosed above, including any details regarding the use of put options or forward purchase contracts in conjunction with the NCIB: None

14. Certificate: The undersigned, a director or senior officer of the issuer duly authorized by the issuer's board of directors, certifies that this notice is complete and accurate and in compliance with Section 629 and 629.1 of the TSX Company Manual. This notice contains no untrue statement of a material fact and does not omit to state a material fact that is required to be stated or that is necessary to make a statement not misleading in the light of the circumstances in which it is made.

January 26, 2010

/s/Sean Finn

NAME: Sean Finn

TITLE: Executive Vice-President Corporate Services and Chief Legal Officer

Form 12 – Notice of Intention to make a Normal Course Issuer Bid© 2008, TSX Group Inc.
(as at June 16, 2008)

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Canadian National Railway Company

Date: January 26, 2010

By: /s/ Cristina Circelli
Name: Cristina Circelli
Title: Deputy Corporate Secretary and
General Counsel