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49 NORTH RESOURCES INC. PROPOSES EXCHANGE OF OUTSTANDING DEBENTURES FOR PREFERRED SHARES

SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN - (CNW – April 8, 2013) 49 North Resources Inc. (“49 North” or the “Company”) (TSXV: FNR) announces that it intends to seek the approval of the holders of its 8% Convertible Unsecured Subordinated Debentures due September 23, 2013 (the “2013 Debentures”) and the holders of its 8% Convertible Unsecured Subordinated Debentures due June 29, 2014 (the “2014 Debentures”, and together with the 2013 Debentures, the “Debentures”) to exchange the principal amount of the Debentures plus interest prepaid until maturity for First Preferred Series 1 Shares (the “Preferred Shares”) to be created and issued by the Company (the “Proposal”).

49 North will seek separate approval of the Proposal from each of the holders of the 2013 Debentures and the holders of the 2014 Debentures (collectively, the “Debentureholders”) at a joint meeting (the “Meeting”) of the Debentureholders to be held on or about June 6, 2013 and pursuant to the provision of, with respect to the 2013 Debentures, the Trust Indenture dated September 23, 2010 (the “2013 Debenture Indenture”) and, with respect to the 2014 Debentures, the Trust Indenture dated June 29, 2011 and Supplemental Trust Indenture dated July 11, 2011 (collectively, the “2014 Debenture Indenture”, and together with the 2013 Debenture Indenture, the “Indentures”). The Indentures allow for the exchange of the 2013 Debentures and the 2014 Debentures for other securities of the Company upon approval of at least 66 % of the principal amount of the 2013 Debentures and the 2014 Debentures, respectively, voted at the Meeting, either in person or by proxy.

It is intended that the Preferred Shares to be created and issued in exchange for the Debentures will have the following characteristics:

- The holders of the Preferred Shares will be entitled to receive cumulative cash dividends, if and when declared by the Company’s board of directors, accruing at a rate of 8% per annum (equal to \$0.08 per share). The dividend on each Preferred Share is payable annually, in arrears, beginning on the first anniversary of the date of issuance;

- Convertible, at the holder's option, into common shares of 49 North ("Common Shares") at a conversion price \$0.75 per Common Shares for a period of five years after issuance. The conversion price will be subject to customary adjustments in specified circumstances;
- Subject to a mandatory conversion at the option of the Company if, at any time after the second anniversary of issuance, the Common Shares trade at an average target price of \$1.75 per share for 20 consecutive days. The conversion price will be \$0.75 per Common Share;
- Non-voting; and
- Issued at a price of \$1.00 per Preferred Share.

As part of the Proposal, the Company shall covenant not to incur any long term debt obligations until the Preferred Shares have been fully retired, unless prior approval for such long-term debt has been sought and received from the Preferred Shareholders. The terms of the Preferred Shares have not been finalized and may be subject to change. Definitive information with respect to the Proposal, once finalized, will be outlined in a management information circular (the "Circular") expected to be mailed to the Debentureholders in early May 2013.

Under the Proposal, Debentureholders will be required to convert into Preferred Shares the principal amount of their Debentures plus interest, prepaid until the date of maturity. The Company currently has outstanding \$4,690,000 in aggregate principal amount of 2013 Debentures and \$11,490,000 in aggregate principal amount of 2014 Debentures. Interest until maturity equals \$375,280 for the 2013 Debentures and \$1,838,400 for the 2014 Debentures. Therefore the total number of Preferred Shares to be issued is anticipated to be 18,393,680 Preferred Shares, convertible into 24,524,906 Common Shares.

In conjunction with the Proposal, the board of directors and management have reduced general corporate overhead by approximately 30%, reduced management fees by 85% and suspended the payment of directors fees. These steps, along with the elimination of bank debt, which occurred in November and December of 2012, have been taken in order to put the Company on a strong financial footing.

The rationale for the Proposal is the current dismal state of the junior resource capital market, which has prompted management and the board of directors of 49 North to deem it prudent to seek the approval of Debentureholders in restructuring the Company's outstanding liabilities. Although the 2013 Debentures do not mature until September 24th of this year, and the 2014 Debentures in June of 2014, it is the opinion of management and the board of directors that market conditions do not support the planned refinancing in the near term. Under normal circumstances, 49 North's portfolio of publicly traded resource issuers would be relied upon as a source of cash flow to satisfy obligations of this nature. In the current protracted downturn, however, the dramatic disintegration of both value and liquidity has severely limited the cash flow the Company can generate from assets at this time. The restructuring plan contained in the

Proposal is designed to preserve the value of 49 North's substantial portfolio of assets while offering full value and the highest possible returns to Debentureholders and other stakeholders.

Over the past month, the Company has conducted a comprehensive review of financing and strategic alternatives available to the Company. While 49 North has several transactions that are ongoing, it is uncertain that any transaction will be completed so as to fund the payout of the Debentures. As a result, management and the board of directors have decided the Proposal presents the best alternative for the Company at this time. Management and the board of directors of the Company have determined that the Proposal is in the best interest of all 49 North's stakeholders on the basis of the following:

- The Proposal will ensure the necessary financial flexibility for the Company to continue with its operating strategy and focus on enhancing long-term value for stakeholders;
- If the Proposal is not approved and no alternative put in place, the Company may not have sufficient funds to service and retire the Debentures, in which case there is a risk that the Company may not be able to continue as a going concern;
- The resource capital market does not support a common share financing at this time;
- The Proposal is a viable alternative to the prolonged recovery process for Debentureholders;
- The 8% cumulative dividend represents an attractive yield in the current low interest rate environment;
- Preliminary discussions have shown that a substantial percentage of the Debentureholders support a restructuring of the Debentures; and
- The Proposal constitutes the most favourable outcome for all stakeholders among the available alternatives.

The Preferred Shares will be issued pursuant to the "securities for debt" exemption of National Instrument 45-106 *Prospectus and Registration Exemptions* and will be subject to a 4 month hold period. The Company will not issue fractional Preferred Shares but instead will satisfy fractional interest by cash payment. The issuance of the Preferred Shares is subject to receipt of approvals from the TSX Venture Exchange.

49 North is a Saskatchewan focused resource investment company with strategic operations in financial, managerial and geological advisory services and merchant banking. Our diversified portfolio of assets includes direct project involvement in the resource sector, as well as investments in shares and other securities of junior and intermediate mineral and oil and gas exploration companies. Additional information about 49 North is available at www.sedar.com.

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