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Investor Relations Firm Appointed

Northern Abitibi Mining Corp. has retained the services of D. A. Huston & Associates ("Huston") as its investor relations firm.

In consideration of the services to be provided, the company has agreed to pay a monthly retainer of \$2,500 to Huston. In addition, subject to approval from applicable regulatory authorities, the company has agreed to grant to Huston 250,000 stock options at \$0.10 to acquire common shares of Northern Abitibi for a period of two years commencing on January 7, 2002.

"J. Devonshire"

J. Devonshire, President

No Canadian Stock Exchange has approved nor disapproved of the information contained herein.

All statements, other than statements of historical fact, in this news release are forward-looking statements that involve various risks and uncertainties, including, without limitation, statements regarding the potential extent of mineralization and reserves, exploration results and future plans and objectives of Northern Abitibi Mining Corp. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not restricted to, the amount of geological data available, the uncertain reliability of drilling results and geophysical and geological data and the interpretation thereof and the need for adequate financing for future exploration and development efforts. There can be no assurance that such statements will prove to be accurate. Actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. These and all subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements are based on the estimates and opinions of management on the dates they are made and are expressly qualified in their entirety by this notice. The Company assumes no obligation to update forward-looking statements should circumstances or management's estimates or opinions change.