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CN declares fourth-quarter 2008 dividend

MONTREAL, Oct. 21, 2008 — CN (TSX:CNR)(NYSE:CNI) announced today that its Board of Directors has approved a fourth-quarter 2008 dividend on the Company's common shares outstanding. A quarterly dividend of twenty-three cents (C\$0.23) per common share will be paid on Dec. 31, 2008, to shareholders of record at the close of business on Dec. 10, 2008.

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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