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National Leasing named among the Top 50 Best Small and Medium Employers in Canada

Winnipeg, Manitoba, October 28th, 2010 - National Leasing, a recognized leader in equipment financing, is pleased to be named among the *Top 50 Best Small and Medium Employers in Canada* for 2011. The achievement is based on a national workplace study, now in its sixth year, and is published in *Maclean's* magazine and *La Presse* newspaper.

“We are extremely pleased to once again be recognized as a *Top 50 Best Small & Medium Employer*,” said Grant Shaw, Vice President of Human Resources, Strategy & Culture. “This is our third straight year of receiving the award and the feedback we get through our participation provides valuable insight about the needs of our employees; insight that we use to develop corporate strategies and create a better working environment. We focus on getting better all the time by continuously improving our business and culture. The information collected through this survey helps us direct our resources where they add the most value.”

“It was a breath of fresh air when I started working at National Leasing,” said Wendy Guilbault, Human Resource Manager. “Our employees are engaged and the organization provides excellent training and educational opportunities. This award really shows how much the company cares about its employees and culture.”

Becoming a Best Small & Medium Employer is a very detailed and competitive process. The rankings are determined using results from an Employee Opinion Survey that measures employee engagement. Notably, organizations with high employee engagement enjoy tangible benefits, including a greater ability to attract and retain key talent.

The study was conducted by the Queen’s Centre for Business Venturing at the Queen’s University School of Business in conjunction with AON Hewitt. More information about the Best Small & Medium Employers in Canada is available online at <http://was2.hewitt.com/bestemployers/canada/pages/index.htm>.

About National Leasing

National Leasing provides sound financial solutions to businesses across Canada. We are the leader in commercial equipment leasing and are recognized as the largest Canadian lessor in small to mid-ticket transactions. Backed by professional service and an outstanding reputation, National Leasing is fast to respond, easy to work with and committed to meet our clients’ needs. National Leasing is a wholly owned subsidiary of Canadian Western Bank. The common shares of Canadian Western Bank are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the trading symbol ‘CWB.’ For more information please visit www.nationalleasing.com or call us at 1-888-408-1966.



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