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

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1. News Release dated January 25, 2011 entitled, "CN reports Q4-2010 net income of C\$503 million, or C\$1.08 per diluted share"

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North America's Railroad

NEWS RELEASE

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or C\$1.08 per diluted share

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MONTREAL, Jan. 25, 2011 — CN (TSX: CNR)(NYSE: CNI) today reported its financial and operating results for the fourth quarter and year ended Dec. 31, 2010.

Fourth-quarter and full-year 2010 highlights

- Net income for the final quarter of 2010 was C\$503 million, or C\$1.08 per diluted share, versus fourth-quarter 2009 net income of C\$582 million or C\$1.23 per diluted share.
- Q4-2010 net income increased by 19 per cent over comparable adjusted 2009 net income of C\$424 million, with Q4-2010 diluted earnings per share (EPS) up 20 per cent over adjusted diluted EPS of C\$0.90 for the final quarter of 2009. (1)
 - Operating income for the fourth quarter of 2010 increased 19 per cent to C\$774 million.
 - Fourth-quarter revenues increased 12 per cent to C\$2,117 million on strong volume growth.
- Fourth-quarter operating ratio improved to 63.4 per cent from 65.3 per cent for the 2009 final quarter, based on solid operating efficiencies.
 - Full-year 2010 free cash flow increased to C\$1,122 million from C\$790 million for 2009. (1)

Net income for full-year 2010 was C\$2,104 million, or C\$4.48 per diluted share, compared with 2009 net income of C\$1,854 million, or C\$3.92 per diluted share. The financial results for both years included a number of items that affect the comparability of the results, including, in 2010, an after-tax gain on the sale of CN's Oakville Subdivision of C\$131 million, or C\$0.28 per diluted share.

Excluding these items in both years, adjusted 2010 net income was C\$1,973 million, or C\$4.20 per diluted share, compared with 2009 adjusted net income of C\$1,533 million, or C\$3.24 per diluted share. Adjusted diluted EPS for 2010 increased by 30 per cent. (1)

Claude Mongeau, president and chief executive officer, said: "CN's strong fourth-quarter performance capped an impressive year. Operational and service excellence throughout 2010 allowed us to post solid operating metrics while handling a sharp rise in workload

with improved reliability for our customers. Innovation, productivity, and supply chain collaboration are clearly paying dividends. These core thrusts are at the heart of our agenda to create value for our customers and shareholders.”

Fourth-quarter carloadings and revenue ton-miles grew by more than 10 per cent, while full-year carloadings were up 18 per cent over 2009 and revenue ton-miles increased by 12 per cent.

Foreign currency impact on results

Although CN reports its earnings in Canadian dollars, a large portion of its revenues and expenses is denominated in U.S. dollars. As such, the Company’s results are affected by exchange-rate fluctuations. On a constant currency basis that excludes the impact of fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates, CN’s 2010 fourth-quarter and twelve-month net income would have been higher by C\$12 million, or C\$0.03 per diluted share, and C\$103 million, or C\$0.22 per diluted share, respectively. (1)

Positive 2011 outlook, increased dividend, and new share buy-back program (2)

Mongeau said: “We believe the North American economy will continue to recover in 2011, but at a slower pace than in 2010, and that global economic conditions will continue to improve. While we expect to face some headwinds from increased depreciation expenses and a higher Canadian dollar, CN is aiming for double-digit growth in 2011 diluted earnings per share (EPS) over adjusted diluted EPS of C\$4.20 for 2010. We also expect 2011 free cash flow to be in the order of C\$850 million despite higher cash taxes.” (1)

In support of top-line growth for 2011, CN expects to take advantage of continued strong growth in overseas container traffic, metal products and iron ore in domestic markets, and wood pulp and lumber offshore. Other growth opportunities include Canadian metallurgical coal and U.S. thermal coal, increased shipments of petroleum and chemicals, and share gains against truck in domestic intermodal.

CN will also pursue a range of service and productivity initiatives. Focus on network velocity, train efficiency, first-mile/last-mile reliability, and safety are expected to help the Company accommodate volume growth at low incremental cost and with a high level of service quality.

Mongeau added: “With a strong balance sheet and solid prospects for earnings and free cash flow generation, I’m pleased that our Board of Directors has approved a 20 per cent increase in CN’s quarterly common-share dividend and a new share repurchase program to buy back up to 16.5 million CN common shares.”

Fourth-quarter 2010 revenues and expenses

Revenues for the fourth quarter of 2010 increased by 12 per cent to C\$2,117 million. All commodity groups experienced increased revenues: coal (22 per cent), intermodal (17 per cent), grain and fertilizers (13 per cent), metals and minerals (13 per cent), petroleum and chemicals (10 per cent), automotive (10 per cent), and forest products (eight per cent). Revenue ton-miles increased 11 per cent over the fourth quarter of 2009, while rail freight revenue per revenue ton-mile increased by one per cent.

Total operating expenses for the fourth quarter increased by nine per cent to C\$1,343 million, with fuel expense up 24 per cent, while labor and fringe benefits expense increased by only two per cent, equipment rents declined six per cent, and casualty and other expense increased by three per cent.

Full-year 2010 revenues and expenses

Revenues for the year increased by 13 per cent to C\$8,297 million, mainly due to significantly higher freight volumes as a result of improving economic conditions in North America and globally; the impact of a higher fuel surcharge as a result of year-over-year increases in applicable fuel prices and higher volumes; and freight rate increases. These factors were partly offset by the negative translation impact of the stronger Canadian dollar on U.S.-dollar-denominated revenues.

All commodity groups saw revenue increases for 2010: coal (29 per cent), automotive (29 per cent), intermodal (18 per cent), metals and minerals (18 per cent), grain and fertilizers (six per cent), petroleum and chemicals (five per cent), and forest products (three per cent). Revenue ton-miles for the year increased by 12 per cent from 2009, while rail freight revenue per revenue ton-mile was flat.

Operating expenses for 2010 increased by six per cent to C\$5,273 million, mainly due to higher fuel costs, increased labor and fringe benefits expense and higher depreciation and amortization expense. These factors were partly offset by the positive translation impact of the stronger Canadian dollar on U.S.-dollar-denominated expenses, the impact of Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company (EJ&E) acquisition-related costs recorded in 2009, and lower equipment rents.

CN's operating ratio for 2010 was 63.6 per cent, compared with an adjusted operating ratio -- excluding the EJ&E acquisition-related costs -- of 66.7 per cent in 2009, a 3.1-point improvement. (1)

- (1) Please see discussion and reconciliation of non-GAAP adjusted performance measures in the attached supplementary schedule, Non-GAAP Measures.
- (2) See Forward-Looking Statements for a summary of the key assumptions and risks regarding CN's 2011 outlook.

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. CN cautions that, by their nature, these forward-looking statements involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. The Company cautions that its assumptions may not materialize and that current economic conditions render such assumptions, although reasonable at the time they were made, subject to greater uncertainty. Such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results or performance of the Company or the rail industry to be materially different from the outlook or any future results or performance implied by such statements. To the extent that CN has provided guidance that are non-GAAP financial measures, the Company may not be able to provide a reconciliation to the GAAP measures, due to unknown variables and uncertainty related to future results. Key assumptions used in determining forward-looking information are set forth below.

Key assumptions

CN made a number of economic and market assumptions in preparing its 2011 outlook. The Company is forecasting that North American industrial production for the year will increase by about four per cent. CN

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also expects U.S. housing starts to be about 675,000 units and U.S. motor vehicles sales to be approximately 13 million units for the year. In addition, CN is assuming a weaker 2010/2011 Canadian grain crop, partly offset by a higher carry-over stock. With these assumptions, CN is targeting carload growth in the mid-single digit range, along with continued pricing improvement above inflation. CN assumes the Canadian-U.S. exchange rate to be around par for 2011, and that the price of crude oil (West Texas Intermediate) for the year to be in the range of US\$90-95 per barrel. In 2011, CN plans to invest approximately C\$1.7 billion in capital programs, of which more than C\$1 billion will be targeted on track infrastructure to maintain a safe and fluid railway network. In addition, the Company will invest in projects to support a number of productivity and growth initiatives.

Important risk factors that could affect the 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 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.

CN assumes no obligation to update or revise forward-looking statements to reflect future events, changes in circumstances, or changes in beliefs, unless required by applicable Canadian securities laws. In the event CN does update any forward-looking statement, no inference should be made that CN will make additional updates with respect to that statement, related matters, or any other forward-looking statement.

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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CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME (U.S. GAAP)
(In millions, except per share data)

| | Three months ended December 31 | | Year ended December 31 | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| | 2010 | 2009 (Unaudited) | 2010 | 2009 |
| Revenues | \$ 2,117 | \$ 1,882 | \$ 8,297 | \$ 7,367 |
| Operating expenses | | | | |
| Labor and fringe benefits | 423 | 413 | 1,744 | 1,696 |
| Purchased services and material | 282 | 256 | 1,036 | 1,027 |
| Fuel | 291 | 234 | 1,048 | 820 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 220 | 197 | 834 | 790 |
| Equipment rents | 62 | 66 | 243 | 284 |
| Casualty and other | 65 | 63 | 368 | 344 |
| Total operating expenses | 1,343 | 1,229 | 5,273 | 4,961 |
| Operating income | 774 | 653 | 3,024 | 2,406 |
| Interest expense | (87) | (95) | (360) | (412) |
| Other income | 12 | 76 | 212 | 267 |
| Income before income taxes | 699 | 634 | 2,876 | 2,261 |
| Income tax expense | (196) | (52) | (772) | (407) |
| Net income | \$ 503 | \$ 582 | \$ 2,104 | \$ 1,854 |
| Earnings per share | | | | |
| Basic | \$ 1.09 | \$ 1.24 | \$ 4.51 | \$ 3.95 |
| Diluted | \$ 1.08 | \$ 1.23 | \$ 4.48 | \$ 3.92 |
| Weighted-average number of shares | | | | |
| Basic | 461.1 | 470.5 | 466.3 | 469.2 |
| Diluted | 464.8 | 474.8 | 470.1 | 473.5 |

Certain of the 2009 comparative figures have been restated in order to be consistent with the 2010 presentation.

These unaudited interim consolidated financial statements, expressed in Canadian dollars, and prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (U.S. GAAP), contain all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) necessary to present fairly Canadian National Railway Company's (the Company) financial position as at December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009, and its results of operations, changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows for the three months and years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009. These consolidated financial statements have been prepared using accounting policies consistent with those used in preparing the Company's 2010 Annual Consolidated Financial Statements and should be read in conjunction with such statements, notes thereto and Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A).

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (U.S. GAAP)
(In millions)

| | December 31 2010 | (Unaudited) | December 31 2009 |
|--|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Assets | | | |
| Current assets: | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 490 | | \$ 352 |
| Accounts receivable | 775 | | 797 |
| Material and supplies | 210 | | 170 |
| Deferred income taxes | 53 | | 105 |
| Other | 62 | | 66 |
| Total current assets | 1,590 | | 1,490 |
| Properties | 22,917 | | 22,630 |
| Intangible and other assets | 699 | | 1,056 |
| Total assets | \$ 25,206 | | \$ 25,176 |
| Liabilities and shareholders' equity | | | |
| Current liabilities: | | | |
| Accounts payable and other | \$ 1,366 | | \$ 1,167 |
| Current portion of long-term debt | 540 | | 70 |
| Total current liabilities | 1,906 | | 1,237 |
| Deferred income taxes | 5,152 | | 5,119 |
| Other liabilities and deferred credits | 1,333 | | 1,196 |
| Long-term debt | 5,531 | | 6,391 |
| Shareholders' equity: | | | |
| Common shares | 4,252 | | 4,266 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (1,709) | | (948) |
| Retained earnings | 8,741 | | 7,915 |
| Total shareholder's equity | 11,284 | | 11,233 |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | \$ 25,206 | | \$ 25,176 |

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Subsequent event

On January 24, 2011, the Board of Directors of the Company approved a new share repurchase program which allows for the repurchase of up to 16.5 million common shares between January 28, 2011 and December 31, 2011 pursuant to a normal course issuer bid, at prevailing market prices or such other prices as may be permitted by the Toronto Stock Exchange.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (U.S. GAAP)
(In millions)

| | Three months ended December 31 | | Year ended December 31 | |
|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| | 2010 | 2009 (Unaudited) | 2010 | 2009 |
| Common shares (1) | | | | |
| Balance, beginning of period | \$ 4,270 | \$ 4,239 | \$ 4,266 | \$ 4,179 |
| Stock options exercised and other | 15 | 27 | 124 | 87 |
| Share repurchase program | (33) | - | (138) | - |
| Balance, end of period | \$ 4,252 | \$ 4,266 | \$ 4,252 | \$ 4,266 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | | | | |
| Balance, beginning of period | \$ (973) | \$ (288) | \$ (948) | \$ (155) |
| Other comprehensive income (loss): | | | | |
| Unrealized foreign exchange gain (loss) on: | | | | |
| Translation of the net investment in foreign operations | (201) | (114) | (330) | (998) |
| Translation of US dollar-denominated long-term debt designated as a hedge of the net investment in U.S. subsidiaries | 193 | 113 | 315 | 976 |
| Pension and other postretirement benefit plans: | | | | |
| Net actuarial loss arising during the period | (931) | (868) | (931) | (868) |
| Prior service cost arising during the period | (5) | (2) | (5) | (2) |
| Amortization of prior service cost included in net | | | | |
| periodic benefit cost | - | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Amortization of net actuarial loss included in net | | | | |
| periodic benefit cost (income) | (1) | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Derivative instruments | - | - | (1) | - |
| Other comprehensive loss before income taxes | (945) | (867) | (949) | (885) |
| Income tax recovery | 209 | 207 | 188 | 92 |
| Other comprehensive loss | (736) | (660) | (761) | (793) |
| Balance, end of period | \$ (1,709) | \$ (948) | \$ (1,709) | \$ (948) |
| Retained earnings | | | | |

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|------------------------------|----|-------|----|-------|----|-------|----|-------|
| Balance, beginning of period | \$ | 8,560 | \$ | 7,452 | \$ | 7,915 | \$ | 6,535 |
| Net income | | 503 | | 582 | | 2,104 | | 1,854 |
| Share repurchase program | | (197) | | - | | (775) | | - |
| Dividends | | (125) | | (119) | | (503) | | (474) |
| Balance, end of period | \$ | 8,741 | \$ | 7,915 | \$ | 8,741 | \$ | 7,915 |

- (1) During the three months and year ended December 31, 2010, the Company issued 0.5 million and 3.4 million common shares, respectively, as a result of stock options exercised and repurchased 3.5 million and 15.0 million common shares, respectively, under its 2010 share repurchase program. At December 31, 2010, the Company had 459.4 million common shares outstanding.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (U.S. GAAP)
(In millions)

| | Three months ended | | Year ended | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|
| | December 31 2010 | 2009 (Unaudited) | December 31 2010 | 2009 |
| Operating activities | | | | |
| Net income | \$ 503 | \$ 582 | \$ 2,104 | \$ 1,854 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 220 | 197 | 834 | 790 |
| Deferred income taxes | 74 | (8) | 418 | 138 |
| Gain on disposal of property | - | (69) | (152) | (226) |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | | | |
| Accounts receivable | 19 | 41 | (3) | 39 |
| Material and supplies | 59 | 65 | (43) | 32 |
| Accounts payable and other | 273 | (12) | 285 | (204) |
| Other current assets | (12) | (9) | 13 | 77 |
| Other, net | (81) | (108) | (457) | (221) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 1,055 | 679 | 2,999 | 2,279 |
| Investing activities | | | | |
| Property additions | (762) | (564) | (1,586) | (1,402) |
| Acquisitions, net of cash acquired | - | - | - | (373) |
| Disposal of property | 1 | 74 | 168 | 231 |
| Other, net | 14 | 57 | 35 | 107 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (747) | (433) | (1,383) | (1,437) |
| Financing activities | | | | |
| Issuance of long-term debt | - | 1 | - | 1,626 |
| Repayment of long-term debt | (26) | (39) | (184) | (2,109) |
| Issuance of common shares due to exercise of stock options and related excess tax benefits realized | 14 | 24 | 115 | 73 |
| Repurchase of common shares | (230) | - | (913) | - |
| Dividends paid | (125) | (119) | (503) | (474) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (367) | (133) | (1,485) | (884) |
| Effect of foreign exchange fluctuations on US dollar-denominated cash and cash equivalents | 1 | 6 | 7 | (19) |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | (58) | 119 | 138 | (61) |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period | 548 | 233 | 352 | 413 |

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|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period \$ | 490 | \$ 352 | \$ 490 | \$ 352 |
| Supplemental cash flow information | | | | |
| Net cash receipts from customers and other | \$ 2,201 | \$ 1,965 | \$ 8,404 | \$ 7,505 |
| Net cash payments for: | | | | |
| Employee services, suppliers and other expenses | (985) | (1,059) | (4,334) | (4,323) |
| Interest | (102) | (101) | (366) | (407) |
| Personal injury and other claims | (17) | (26) | (64) | (112) |
| Pensions | (14) | (48) | (427) | (139) |
| Income taxes | (28) | (52) | (214) | (245) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities \$ | 1,055 | \$ 679 | \$ 2,999 | \$ 2,279 |

Certain of the 2009 comparative figures have been restated in order to be consistent with the 2010 presentation.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY
SELECTED RAILROAD STATISTICS (1) (U.S. GAAP)

| | Three months ended | | Year ended | |
|---|--------------------|--------|-------------|---------|
| | December 31 | | December 31 | |
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 |
| (Unaudited) | | | | |
| Statistical operating data | | | | |
| Rail freight revenues (\$ millions) | 1,896 | 1,679 | 7,417 | 6,632 |
| Gross ton miles (GTM) (millions) | 87,813 | 78,760 | 341,219 | 304,690 |
| Revenue ton miles (RTM) (millions) | 46,586 | 41,819 | 179,232 | 159,862 |
| Carloads (thousands) | 1,190 | 1,077 | 4,696 | 3,991 |
| Route miles (includes Canada and the U.S.) | 20,560 | 21,094 | 20,560 | 21,094 |
| Employees (end of period) | 22,279 | 21,501 | 22,279 | 21,501 |
| Employees (average for the period) | 22,229 | 21,478 | 21,967 | 21,793 |
| Productivity | | | | |
| Operating ratio (%) | 63.4 | 65.3 | 63.6 | 67.3 |
| Rail freight revenue per RTM (cents) | 4.07 | 4.01 | 4.14 | 4.15 |
| Rail freight revenue per carload (\$) | 1,593 | 1,559 | 1,579 | 1,662 |
| Operating expenses per GTM (cents) | 1.53 | 1.56 | 1.55 | 1.63 |
| Labor and fringe benefits expense per GTM (cents) | 0.48 | 0.52 | 0.51 | 0.56 |
| GTMs per average number of employees (thousands) | 3,950 | 3,667 | 15,533 | 13,981 |
| Diesel fuel consumed (US gallons in millions) | 91.2 | 83.5 | 355.7 | 327.3 |
| Average fuel price (\$/US gallon) | 2.83 | 2.49 | 2.64 | 2.28 |
| GTMs per US gallon of fuel consumed | 963 | 943 | 959 | 931 |
| Safety indicators | | | | |
| Injury frequency rate per 200,000 person hours (2) | 1.74 | 2.09 | 1.71 | 1.78 |
| Accident rate per million train miles (2) | 2.29 | 3.30 | 2.03 | 2.27 |
| Financial ratio | | | | |
| Debt-to-total capitalization ratio (% at end of period) | 35.0 | 36.5 | 35.0 | 36.5 |

(1) Includes data relating to companies acquired as of the date of acquisition.

(2) Based on Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) reporting criteria.

Certain of the 2009 comparative figures have been restated in order to be consistent with the 2010 presentation. Such statistical data and related productivity measures are based on estimated data available at such time and are subject to change as more complete information becomes available.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (U.S. GAAP)

| | Three months ended December 31 | | | | Year ended December 31 | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|---|------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|---|
| | 2010 | 2009 | % Change Fav (Unfav) | % Change at constant currency Fav (Unfav) (1) | 2010 | 2009 | % Change Fav (Unfav) | % Change at constant currency Fav (Unfav) (1) |
| (Unaudited) | | | | | | | | |
| Revenues (millions of dollars) | | | | | | | | |
| Petroleum and chemicals | 331 | 302 | 10% | 13% | 1,322 | 1,260 | 5% | 12% |
| Metals and minerals | 214 | 189 | 13% | 16% | 861 | 728 | 18% | 27% |
| Forest products | 293 | 271 | 8% | 11% | 1,183 | 1,147 | 3% | 11% |
| Coal | 149 | 122 | 22% | 25% | 600 | 464 | 29% | 35% |
| Grain and fertilizers | 401 | 356 | 13% | 15% | 1,418 | 1,341 | 6% | 11% |
| Intermodal | 400 | 341 | 17% | 18% | 1,576 | 1,337 | 18% | 20% |
| Automotive | 108 | 98 | 10% | 13% | 457 | 355 | 29% | 39% |
| Total rail freight revenues | 1,896 | 1,679 | 13% | 15% | 7,417 | 6,632 | 12% | 18% |
| Other revenues | 221 | 203 | 9% | 11% | 880 | 735 | 20% | 26% |
| Total revenues | 2,117 | 1,882 | 12% | 15% | 8,297 | 7,367 | 13% | 19% |
| Revenue ton miles (millions) | | | | | | | | |
| Petroleum and chemicals | 7,950 | 7,270 | 9% | 9% | 31,190 | 29,381 | 6% | 6% |
| Metals and minerals | 4,154 | 3,507 | 18% | 18% | 16,443 | 12,994 | 27% | 27% |
| Forest products | 7,055 | 6,910 | 2% | 2% | 28,936 | 27,594 | 5% | 5% |
| Coal | 5,118 | 4,176 | 23% | 23% | 19,766 | 14,805 | 34% | 34% |
| Grain and fertilizers | 12,700 | 11,281 | 13% | 13% | 44,549 | 40,859 | 9% | 9% |
| Intermodal | 9,011 | 8,095 | 11% | 11% | 35,803 | 32,159 | 11% | 11% |
| Automotive | 598 | 580 | 3% | 3% | 2,545 | 2,070 | 23% | 23% |
| | 46,586 | 41,819 | 11% | 11% | 179,232 | 159,862 | 12% | 12% |
| Rail freight revenue / RTM (cents) | | | | | | | | |
| Total rail freight revenue per RTM | 4.07 | 4.01 | 1% | 4% | 4.14 | 4.15 | - | 5% |
| Commodity groups: | | | | | | | | |
| Petroleum and chemicals | 4.16 | 4.15 | - | 3% | 4.24 | 4.29 | (1%) | 6% |
| Metals and minerals | 5.15 | 5.39 | (4%) | (2%) | 5.24 | 5.60 | (6%) | 1% |
| Forest products | 4.15 | 3.92 | 6% | 9% | 4.09 | 4.16 | (2%) | 6% |
| Coal | 2.91 | 2.92 | - | 2% | 3.04 | 3.13 | (3%) | 1% |
| Grain and fertilizers | 3.16 | 3.16 | - | 2% | 3.18 | 3.28 | (3%) | 2% |

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|--|-------|-------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Intermodal | 4.44 | 4.21 | 5% | 6% | 4.40 | 4.16 | 6% | 8% |
| Automotive | 18.06 | 16.90 | 7% | 10% | 17.96 | 17.15 | 5% | 13% |
| Carloads (thousands) | | | | | | | | |
| Petroleum and chemicals | 136 | 126 | 8% | 8% | 549 | 511 | 7% | 7% |
| Metals and minerals | 244 | 224 | 9% | 9% | 990 | 721 | 37% | 37% |
| Forest products | 106 | 100 | 6% | 6% | 423 | 403 | 5% | 5% |
| Coal | 123 | 113 | 9% | 9% | 499 | 426 | 17% | 17% |
| Grain and fertilizers | 164 | 147 | 12% | 12% | 579 | 530 | 9% | 9% |
| Intermodal | 369 | 321 | 15% | 15% | 1,455 | 1,246 | 17% | 17% |
| Automotive | 48 | 46 | 4% | 4% | 201 | 154 | 31% | 31% |
| | 1,190 | 1,077 | 10% | 10% | 4,696 | 3,991 | 18% | 18% |
| Rail freight revenue / carload (dollars) | | | | | | | | |
| Total rail freight revenue per carload | 1,593 | 1,559 | 2% | 4% | 1,579 | 1,662 | (5%) | - |
| Commodity groups: | | | | | | | | |
| Petroleum and chemicals | 2,434 | 2,397 | 2% | 4% | 2,408 | 2,466 | (2%) | 4% |
| Metals and minerals | 877 | 844 | 4% | 7% | 870 | 1,010 | (14%) | (7%) |
| Forest products | 2,764 | 2,710 | 2% | 5% | 2,797 | 2,846 | (2%) | 6% |
| Coal | 1,211 | 1,080 | 12% | 14% | 1,202 | 1,089 | 10% | 15% |
| Grain and fertilizers | 2,445 | 2,422 | 1% | 3% | 2,449 | 2,530 | (3%) | 2% |
| Intermodal | 1,084 | 1,062 | 2% | 3% | 1,083 | 1,073 | 1% | 3% |
| Automotive | 2,250 | 2,130 | 6% | 9% | 2,274 | 2,305 | (1%) | 6% |

(1) See supplementary schedule entitled Non-GAAP Measures for an explanation of this non-GAAP measure. Such statistical data and related productivity measures are based on estimated data available at such time and are subject to change as more complete information becomes available.

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Adjusted performance measures

For the three months and year ended December 31, 2010, the Company reported adjusted net income of \$503 million, or \$1.08 per diluted share and \$1,973 million, or \$4.20 per diluted share, respectively. The adjusted figures for the year ended December 31, 2010 exclude the gain on sale of the Company's Oakville subdivision of \$152 million, or \$131 million after-tax (\$0.28 per diluted share).

For the three months and year ended December 31, 2009, the Company reported adjusted net income of \$424 million, or \$0.90 per diluted share and \$1,533 million, or \$3.24 per diluted share, respectively. The adjusted figures for the three months ended December 31, 2009 exclude the gain on sale of the Lower Newmarket subdivision of \$69 million or \$59 million after-tax (\$0.12 per diluted share) and a deferred income tax recovery of \$99 million (\$0.21 per diluted share), resulting from the enactment of a lower provincial corporate income tax rate. The adjusted figures for the year ended December 31, 2009 exclude the gain on sale of the Lower Newmarket subdivision of \$69 million or \$59 million after-tax (\$0.12 per diluted share); the gain on sale of the Weston subdivision of \$157 million or \$135 million after-tax (\$0.29 per diluted share); EJ&E acquisition-related costs of \$49 million or \$30 million after-tax (\$0.06 per diluted share); and a deferred income tax recovery of \$157 million (\$0.33 per diluted share), of which \$126 million (\$0.27 per diluted share) resulted from the enactment of lower provincial corporate income tax rates, \$16 million (\$0.03 per diluted share) resulted from the recapitalization of a foreign investment and \$15 million (\$0.03 per diluted share) resulted from the resolution of various income tax matters and adjustments related to tax filings of prior years.

Management believes that adjusted net income and adjusted earnings per share are useful measures of performance that can facilitate period-to-period comparisons, as they exclude items that do not necessarily arise as part of the normal day-to-day operations of the Company and could distort the analysis of trends in business performance. The exclusion of such items in adjusted net income and adjusted earnings per share does not, however, imply that such items are necessarily non-recurring. These adjusted measures do not have any standardized meaning prescribed by GAAP and may, therefore, not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies. The reader is advised to read all information provided in the Company's 2010 Annual Consolidated Financial Statements, Notes thereto and Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A). The following tables provide a reconciliation of net income and earnings per share, as reported for the three months and year ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, to the adjusted performance measures presented herein.

| In millions, except per share data | Three months ended December 31, 2010 | | | Year ended December 31, 2010 | | |
|------------------------------------|---|-------------|----------|---------------------------------|-------------|----------|
| | Reported | Adjustments | Adjusted | Reported | Adjustments | Adjusted |
| Revenues | \$ 2,117 | \$ - | \$ 2,117 | \$ 8,297 | \$ - | \$ 8,297 |
| Operating expenses | 1,343 | - | 1,343 | 5,273 | - | 5,273 |
| Operating income | 774 | - | 774 | 3,024 | - | 3,024 |
| Interest expense | (87) | - | (87) | (360) | - | (360) |
| Other income | 12 | - | 12 | 212 | (152) | 60 |
| Income before income taxes | 699 | - | 699 | 2,876 | (152) | 2,724 |
| Income tax expense | (196) | - | (196) | (772) | 21 | (751) |
| Net income | \$ 503 | \$ - | \$ 503 | \$ 2,104 | \$ (131) | \$ 1,973 |

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|----------------------------|-------|------|-------|---|-------|------|-------|------|----|--------|----|------|
| Operating ratio | 63.4% | | 63.4% | | 63.6% | | 63.6% | | | | | |
| Basic earnings per share | \$ | 1.09 | \$ | - | \$ | 1.09 | \$ | 4.51 | \$ | (0.28) | \$ | 4.23 |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ | 1.08 | \$ | - | \$ | 1.08 | \$ | 4.48 | \$ | (0.28) | \$ | 4.20 |

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| In millions, except per share data | Three months ended December 31, 2009 | | | Year ended December 31, 2009 | | |
|------------------------------------|---|-------------|----------|---------------------------------|-------------|----------|
| | Reported | Adjustments | Adjusted | Reported | Adjustments | Adjusted |
| Revenues | \$ 1,882 | \$ - | \$ 1,882 | \$ 7,367 | \$ - | \$ 7,367 |
| Operating expenses | 1,229 | - | 1,229 | 4,961 | (49) | 4,912 |
| Operating income | 653 | - | 653 | 2,406 | 49 | 2,455 |
| Interest expense | (95) | - | (95) | (412) | - | (412) |
| Other income | 76 | (69) | 7 | 267 | (226) | 41 |
| Income before income taxes | 634 | (69) | 565 | 2,261 | (177) | 2,084 |
| Income tax expense | (52) | (89) | (141) | (407) | (144) | (551) |
| Net income | \$ 582 | \$ (158) | \$ 424 | \$ 1,854 | \$ (321) | \$ 1,533 |
| Operating ratio | 65.3% | | 65.3% | 67.3% | | 66.7% |
| Basic earnings per share | \$ 1.24 | \$ (0.33) | \$ 0.91 | \$ 3.95 | \$ (0.68) | \$ 3.27 |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ 1.23 | \$ (0.33) | \$ 0.90 | \$ 3.92 | \$ (0.68) | \$ 3.24 |

Constant currency

Although CN conducts its business and reports its earnings in Canadian dollars, a large portion of revenues and expenses is denominated in US dollars. As such, the Company's results are affected by exchange-rate fluctuations. Financial results at "constant currency" allow results to be viewed without the impact of fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates, thereby facilitating period-to-period comparisons in the analysis of trends in business performance. Measures at constant currency are considered non-GAAP measures and do not have any standardized meaning prescribed by GAAP and may, therefore, not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies. Financial results at constant currency are obtained by translating the current period results denominated in US dollars at the foreign exchange rate of the comparable period of the prior year. The average foreign exchange rates for the three months and year ended December 31, 2010 were 1.01 and 1.03, respectively, and 1.06 and 1.14, respectively, for 2009.

On a constant currency basis, the Company's 2010 fourth quarter and twelve-month net income would have been higher by \$12 million, or \$0.03 per diluted share and \$103 million, or \$0.22 per diluted share, respectively. The following table presents a reconciliation of 2010 net income as reported to net income on a constant currency basis:

| In millions | Three months ended December 31, 2010 | Year ended December 31, 2010 |
|-------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| Net income, as reported | \$ 503 | \$ 2,104 |
| Add back: | | |

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|------|--|--------|----------|
| | Negative impact due to the strengthening Canadian dollar included in net income | 9 | 70 |
| Add: | | | |
| | Increase due to the strengthening Canadian dollar on additional year-over-year US\$ net income | 3 | 33 |
| | Impact of foreign exchange using constant currency rates | 12 | 103 |
| | Net income, on a constant currency basis | \$ 515 | \$ 2,207 |

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Free cash flow

The Company generated \$184 million and \$1,122 million of free cash flow for the three months and year ended December 31, 2010, respectively, compared to \$133 million and \$790 million for the same periods in 2009, respectively. Free cash flow does not have any standardized meaning prescribed by GAAP and may, therefore, not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies. The Company believes that free cash flow is a useful measure of performance as it demonstrates the Company's ability to generate cash after the payment of capital expenditures and dividends. The Company defines free cash flow as cash provided from operating activities, adjusted for changes in the accounts receivable securitization program and in cash and cash equivalents resulting from foreign exchange fluctuations, less cash used by investing activities, adjusted for the impact of major acquisitions, and the payment of dividends, calculated as follows:

| In millions | Three months ended December 31 | | Year ended December 31 | |
|--|-----------------------------------|--------|---------------------------|----------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2010 | 2009 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$ 1,055 | \$ 679 | \$ 2,999 | \$ 2,279 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (747) | (433) | (1,383) | (1,437) |
| Net cash provided before financing activities | 308 | 246 | 1,616 | 842 |
| Adjustments: | | | | |
| Change in accounts receivable securitization | - | - | 2 | 68 |
| Dividends paid | (125) | (119) | (503) | (474) |
| Acquisition of EJ&E | - | - | - | 373 |
| Effect of foreign exchange fluctuations on US dollar-denominated cash and cash equivalents | 1 | 6 | 7 | (19) |
| Free cash flow | \$ 184 | \$ 133 | \$ 1,122 | \$ 790 |

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 25, 2011

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