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# 5N Plus Incorporated Reports Third Quarter Results on Record Sales

**Montreal, Québec, April 7, 2009** – 5N Plus Inc. (TSX: VNP) today announced financial results for its third quarter ended February 28, 2009. Results continued to reflect a trend of strong financial performance with sales reaching record levels for a sixth consecutive quarter lying at \$19,150,195 up by 129.1% compared with sales of \$8,358,817 for the third quarter of the previous fiscal year. Net earnings for the third quarter increased by 125.0% to \$5,103,971 (\$0.11 per share) up from \$2,268,712 (\$0.06 per share) when compared with the third quarter of the previous fiscal year and EBITDA<sup>1</sup> by 139.9% to \$8,066,290 up from \$3,362,649.

For the nine month period ended February 28, 2009, sales increased to \$51,315,894, net earnings to \$15,248,093 (\$0.34 per share) and EBITDA<sup>1</sup> to \$23,543,304. This represents increases of 138.1%, 232.4% and 203.5% respectively over results for the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year where sales reached \$21,549,033, net earnings \$4,587,516 (\$0.14 per share) and EBITDA \$7,757,723.

"We are pleased to report the results of the third quarter of our 2009 fiscal year. Despite the current economic turmoil, we managed to increase sales and maintain profit margins at high levels. Operational performance was good throughout the quarter at both of our facilities in Montreal and Eisenhüttenstadt and our twelve month backlog of orders remained strong at \$52,024,064" commented Mr. Jacques L'Écuyer, President and Chief Executive Officer.

He added, "We continue to monitor closely the impact of the current economic crisis on our business and our customers. Given our strong balance sheet and the ability of our operating activities to generate significant cash flows, we believe that we are well positioned to overcome any slowdown in the market and take advantage of growth opportunities."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> EBITDA is not defined by Canadian generally accepted accounting principles and cannot be formally presented in financial statements. EBITDA means earnings before financing costs, interest income, income taxes, depreciation and amortization and start-up costs. The definition of EBITDA used by the Company may differ from that used by other companies. Please see management's discussion and analysis for more details.

The interim consolidated financial statements of 5N Plus, as well as the Management's Discussion and Analysis of this third quarter ended February 28, 2009 are available on the 5N Plus website, at <u>www.5nplus.com</u> and on the SEDAR website at <u>www.sedar.com</u>.

# Webcast Information

The Company will host a conference call at 10:00 Eastern Time on Wednesday April 8, 2009 with financial analysts to discuss the third quarter results. All interested parties are invited to participate to the live broadcast on the company's Web site at <u>www.5nplus.com</u>. A replay of the webcast and a recording of the Q&A will be available until April 22, 2009.

# **Forward-Looking Statements**

Certain statements in this press release may be forward-looking. Forward-looking statements are based on the best estimates available to the Company at the time and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties or other factors that may cause the Company's actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements.

# About 5N Plus Inc.

5N Plus draws its name from the purity of its products, 99.999% (five nines or 5N) and more. 5N Plus, which has its head office in Montreal, Quebec, develops and produces high-purity metals and compounds for electronic applications and provides its customers with recycling solutions. The Company is an integrated producer with both primary and secondary refining capabilities. 5N Plus focuses on specialty metals such as tellurium, cadmium and selenium and on related compounds such as cadmium telluride and cadmium sulphide. The Company's products are critical precursors in a number of electronic applications, including the rapidly-expanding solar (thin-film photovoltaic) market, for which 5N Plus is a major supplier of cadmium telluride, and the radiation detector market.

# 5N Plus Inc. Interim Consolidated Statements of Earnings Periods ended February 28, 2009 and February 29, 2008 (unaudited)

	Three months				Nine months		
(in Canadian dollars)		2009		2008	2009		2008
Sales	\$	19,150,195	\$	8,358,817	\$ 51,315,894	\$	21,549,033
Cost of sales		9,309,927		3,904,679	24,613,624		10,841,082
Gross profit		9,840,268		4,454,138	26,702,270		10,707,951
Expenses							
Selling and administrative		1,343,814		827,715	3,606,876		2,008,283
Research and development		333,238		203,008	817,865		864,384
Foreign exchange (gain) loss		96,926		60,766	(1,265,775)		77,561
Financial		130,812		51,196	333,706		303,811
Interest income		(227,205)		(169,219)	(996,316)		(169,219)
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment		603,077		266,980	1,553,111		751,149
Amortization of deferred start-up costs		172,912		-	380,356		
		2,453,574		1,240,446	4,429,823		3,835,969
Earnings before undernoted items		7,386,694		3,213,692	22,272,447		6,871,982
Start-up costs, new plant		-		22,421	206,390		195,777
Earnings before income taxes		7,386,694		3,191,271	22,066,057		6,676,205
Income taxes							
Current		2,248,822		1,021,559	6,324,095		2,062,689
Future		33,901		(99,000)	493,869		26,000
		2,282,723		922,559	6,817,964		2,088,689
Net earnings	\$	5,103,971	\$	2,268,712	\$ 15,248,093	\$	4,587,516
Earnings per share							
Basic	\$	0.11	\$	0.06	\$ 0.34	\$	0.14
Diluted	\$	0.11	\$	0.06	\$ 0.33	\$	0.13
Weighted average number of common shares							
Basic		45,505,413		39,006,408	45,501,804		32,748,039
Diluted		45,815,527		39,996,036	45,889,182		34,595,195

### 5N Plus Inc. Interim Consolidated Balance Sheets

(in Canadian dollars)	As at February 28, 2009 (unaudited)	As at May 31, 2008			
Assets					
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 62,187,563	\$ 59,576,743			
Accounts receivable	5,234,040	10,164,562			
Inventories	27,942,334	12,727,564			
Prepaid expenses and deposits	749,407	348,504			
Future income taxes	174,000	456,325			
	96,287,344	83,273,698			
Property, plant and equipment	26,229,667	21,220,889			
Grant receivable	2,135,682	2,053,377			
Future income taxes	735,540	909,536			
Deferred start-up costs	978,504	821,008			
Other assets	52,682	55,681			
	\$ 126,419,419	\$ 108,334,189			
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity					
Current liabilities					
Bank loan	\$ 616,111	\$ 1,262,205			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	10,040,271	7,486,227			
Income taxes payable	2,443,427	1,754,114			
Current portion of long-term debt	549,922	578,922			
Current portion of other long-term liabilities	48,371	270,251			
	13,698,102	11,351,719			
Long-term debt	4,147,893	4,547,028			
Deferred revenue	707,871	753,606			
Other long-term liabilities		127,906			
	18,553,866	16,780,259			
Shareholders' Equity					
Share capital	81,838,589	81,788,694			
Contributed surplus	638,579	242,136			
Accumulated other comprehensive income	617,192	-			
Retained earnings	24,771,193	9,523,100			
	107,865,553	91,553,930			
	\$ 126,419,419	\$ 108,334,189			

# Reconciliation of EBITDA and Net Earnings

(in Canadian dollars)

	Thre	Three months ended			Nine months ended			
	February 28, 2009	February 29, 2008	Increase	February 28, 2009	February 29, 2008	Increase		
Net earnings	\$ 5,103,971	\$ 2,268,712	125.0 %	\$15,248,093	\$ 4,587,516	232.4 %		
Add (deduct):								
Income taxes Financial expenses <sup>1</sup>	2,282,723	922,559		6,817,964	2,088,689			
& Interest income	(96,393)	(118,023)		(662,610)	134,592			
Depreciation and amortization	775,989	266,980		1,933,467	751,149			
Expensed start-up costs	-	22,421		206,390	195,777			
EBITDA	\$ 8,066,290	\$ 3,362,649	139.9 %	\$23,543,304	\$ 7,757,723	203.5 %		

<sup>1</sup>The foreign exchange gain or loss is presented independently from the financial expenses. This presentation differs from those of previous management's discussion and analysis.

# **Cash Flow**

#### (in Canadian dollars)

_	Three m	onths	Nine months ended		
-	February 28,	February 29,	February 28,	February 29,	
	2009	2008	2009	2008	
Operating activities <sup>1</sup>	\$ 6,031,131	\$ 3,355,047	\$ 18,036,904	\$ 6,327,809	
Add (deduct):					
net change in non-cash working capital items	(243,510)	(1,337,441)	(5,915,981)	(4,122,290)	
Operating activities (total)	5,787,621	2,017,606	12,120,923	2,205,519	
Financing activities	(2,588,088)	22,640,236	(1,501,046)	26,405,301	
Investing activities	(1,550,910)	(4,652,313)	(8,034,530)	(10,237,682)	
Effect of changes in foreign currency exchange	10,705	-	25,473	-	
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,659,328	\$20,005,529	\$ 2,610,820	\$ 18,373,138	

<sup>1</sup> Before net change in non-cash working capital items

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