



## **NORDEX EXPLOSIVES ANNOUNCES ANNUAL AND FOURTH QUARTER 2009 RESULTS**

### **RECORD SALES IN 2009 - MORE GROWTH FORECAST FOR 2010**

Mississauga, Ontario (March 4, 2010) LES EXPLOSIFS NORDEX LTEE. / NORDEX EXPLOSIVES LTD. (TSXV:NXX) today announced its financial results for the year and the fourth quarter ending December 31, 2009. The fiscal 2009 year was highlighted by record sales and significant milestones.

In 2009, Nordex's annual sales were the highest in the history of the Corporation. Sales during the first quarter of 2009 were still affected by the global recession and the downturn in the mining industry that began in 2008. After the first quarter of 2009, the Corporation increased its sales substantially. The final three quarters of 2009 were the three highest quarterly sales periods in the history of Nordex.

Nordex achieved many milestones during 2009 including securing supply contracts with several key mining clients. The Corporation also increased their operating capacity and services offering by implementing a new emulsion explosive manufacturing plant, introducing new products, and developing specialized equipment and trucks for these new products.

Jim Taylor, Vice President and COO of Nordex, stated "Nordex's operational advancements over the last year have allowed us to diversify our customer base further outside of the core mining customers and capture a larger share of the quarry and construction market." During the fiscal 2009 year, Nordex had a 180% increase in sales to customers in the quarry and construction industries compared to 2008.

#### 2009 Annual Results

Sales for the fiscal 2009 year increased by 31% to \$7,936,253 from \$6,073,647 in 2008. This increase in year over year sales is attributed to Nordex securing new mining clients, retaining previous mining clients who resumed operations during 2009 and expanding Nordex's non-mining client base.

Earnings before interest, taxes and amortization for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009 were \$973,127 compared to \$197,926 in 2008.

For 2009, Nordex recorded net income before tax of \$586,479 compared to a net loss before tax of \$55,397 in 2008. This increase in net income was a result of higher sales, higher gross margins and a net recovery of bad debt expense which was accrued in

the fiscal 2008 year. In 2009, Nordex does not expect to pay income tax but has accrued \$61,870 for future income tax expense.

Earnings per share in 2009 were \$0.075 compared to a loss per share of \$0.004 in 2008.

#### Fourth Quarter 2009 Results

Operating results for the fourth quarter ending December 31, 2009 improved significantly compared to the fourth quarter ending December 31, 2008.

Nordex had its highest fourth quarter sales in the history of the Corporation. Sales increased by 92% to \$2,130,634 for the fourth quarter of 2009 compared to \$1,110,237 for the fourth quarter of 2008 and were 23% higher than the previously best fourth quarter sales of \$1,732,921 in 2007.

Net income for the fourth quarter in 2009 was \$116,955 compared to a net loss of \$120,567 in the fourth quarter of 2008. Earnings per share in the fourth quarter 2009 were \$0.017 compared to a loss per share of \$0.017 in the fourth quarter of 2008.

Further details can be found in the Corporation's Annual Management Discussion and Analysis for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009, which is available at SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

#### Outlook:

John Kozak, President and CEO of Nordex, stated "During January and February of 2010, Nordex experienced increased levels of demand for products from clients. Management anticipates sales for the first quarter ending March 31, 2010 to meet or exceed the previous highest quarterly sales of \$2,394,163 achieved in the third quarter of 2009. We also anticipate this trend to continue for the fiscal 2010 year with the assumption that commodity prices do not decrease significantly during this time."

With the potential addition of new clients, introduction of new products and expansion of services during 2010, it is expected that additional equipment and working capital will be required to fund expansion. The Corporation is evaluating its expected capital requirements and is investigating alternatives for financing this expected growth. Nordex may seek additional financing through debt or equity offerings.

#### **ABOUT NORDEX EXPLOSIVES:**

LES EXPLOSIFS NORDEX LTEE./NORDEX EXPLOSIVES LTD. is a manufacturer and distributor of explosives for the mining, quarry and road construction industries since 1970. Its manufacturing operations and distribution centre is strategically located in one of the world's largest mining regions near Kirkland Lake, Ontario. Nordex trades on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol "NXX".

## **OTHER INFORMATION:**

Additional Information relating to the Company is available on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

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