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# 5N Plus Winner in Multiple Categories at the 2012 Deloitte Technology Fast 50™ Awards for a Third Consecutive Year

Montreal, Québec, November 16, 2012 - 5N Plus Inc. (TSX: VNP), the leading producer of specialty metal and chemical products, announced today that it was ranked among the Deloitte<sup>i</sup> Technology Fast 50<sup>™</sup> and Technology Fast 500<sup>™</sup> for a third consecutive year.

The Deloitte Technology Fast 50<sup>TM</sup> is a ranking of the 50 fastest growing technology companies in Canada, based on the percentage of revenue growth over six years. 5N Plus<sup>i</sup> increase in revenues of 717% from 2006 to 2011 resulted in a 14<sup>th</sup> place ranking.

"Canadian Fast 50 companies innovate, demonstrate entrepreneurship, create jobs, and invest in R&D," said Richard Lee, National Leader, Technology, Media & Telecommunications Industry Group, Deloitte. "5N Plus is an example of a company that shows passion, determination and drive that are so important for growth in the Canadian technology sector."

5N Plus also announced that it ranked number 138 on Technology Fast 500™, Deloitte's ranking of 500 of the fastest growing technology, media, telecommunications, life sciences and clean technology companies in North America.

#### **About 5N Plus Inc.**

5N Plus is the leading producer of specialty metal and chemical products. Fully integrated with closed-loop recycling facilities, the Company is headquartered in Montreal, Québec, Canada and operates manufacturing facilities and sales offices in several locations in Europe, the Americas and Asia. 5N Plus deploys a range of proprietary and proven technologies to produce products which are used in a number of advanced pharmaceutical, electronic and industrial applications. Typical products include purified metals such as bismuth, gallium, germanium, indium, selenium and tellurium, inorganic chemicals based on such metals and compound semiconductor wafers. Many of these are critical precursors and key enablers in markets such as solar, light-emitting diodes and eco-friendly materials.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As used in this document, "Deloitte" means Deloitte LLP. for a detailed description of the legal structure of Deloitte LLP and its subsidiaries. Certain services may not be available to attest clients under the rules and regulations of public accounting.

# About the Deloitte Technology Fast 50<sup>TM</sup>

The Deloitte Technology Fast 50<sup>TM</sup> program is Canada's pre-eminent technology awards program. Celebrating business growth, innovation and entrepreneurship, the program features four distinct categories including the Technology Fast 50<sup>TM</sup> Ranking, Companies-to-Watch Awards (early-stage Canadian tech companies in business less than five years, with the potential to be a future Deloitte Technology Fast 50T<sup>M</sup> candidate,) Leadership Awards (companies that demonstrate technological leadership in four industry subcategories: hardware/semiconductor, software, telecommunications and emerging technologies) and the Deloitte Technology Green 15<sup>TM</sup> Awards (Canada's leading GreenTech companies that promote a more efficient use and re-use of the earth's resources in industrial production and consumption.) Program sponsors include Deloitte, Gowlings, Wellington Financial, TMX Group, HKMB Hub International, National Angel Capital Organization, CVCA, MaRS and IGLOO Software. For further information, visit <a href="https://www.fast50.ca">www.fast50.ca</a>.

For additional detail on the Technology Fast 500™ including selection and qualifying criteria, visit <a href="https://www.fast500.com">www.fast500.com</a>.

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