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Northeast Bancorp Announces Quarterly, Year End Earnings

Lewiston, Maine

Northeast Bancorp (NASDAQ: NBN), a Maine-based full-service financial services company and parent of Northeast Bank (www.northeastbank.com), today announced fourth quarter net income of \$43,058, or (\$0.01) per diluted common share, and net income of \$1,718,672, or \$0.63 per diluted common share, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010. While earnings for the quarter decreased 79% compared to the \$208,909, or \$0.06 per diluted share, earned for the quarter ended June 30, 2009, earnings for the fiscal year increased 79% compared to the \$958,989, or \$0.27 per diluted share, earned for fiscal year ended June 30, 2009.

The quarterly and annual results include one-time expenses associated with the previously announced pending FHB transaction totaling \$386,000 and \$540,514, respectively.

The fiscal fourth quarter results also include a non-cash goodwill impairment charge of \$407,897. Based on the results of an internal goodwill impairment test, Northeast concluded that an impairment charge was required. The goodwill impairment charge has no impact on Northeast's regulatory capital ratios because goodwill is not included in regulatory capital and, as a non-cash charge, will not affect Northeast's overall liquidity position.

"We are pleased with the overall growth and performance at Northeast Bancorp this year. These results demonstrate an improving net interest margin year over year, and continued growth in noninterest income," said Jim Delamater, President and CEO of Northeast Bancorp. "With our pending transaction, Northeast is positioned to create even greater value for our customers, shareholders, employees and the community."

Total assets as of June 30, 2010 were \$622 million, an increase of approximately 4%, or \$24 million, compared to total assets of \$598 million as of June 30, 2009. While net loans decreased, income from sale of loans increased. The Company's capital ratios remain strong at 8.24% (tier 1 leverage) and 13.58% (total risk-based capital) at June 30, 2010. The allowance for loan losses grew slightly to 1.52% of total loans at June 30, 2010 compared to 1.46% as of June 30, 2009.

Excluding amortization of customer lists, intangible assets and goodwill impairment, net income available to common stockholders per diluted share was \$0.15 and \$0.95 for the quarter and year ended June 30, 2010, respectively. Please see the footnote at the end of this release under the heading "Supplemental Reporting of Non-GAAP-Based Financial Measures."

Net interest income decreased 3% for the quarter ended June 30, 2010 compared to the quarter ended June 30, 2009, and increased 6% for the year ended June 30, 2010 compared to the year ended June 30, 2009. Net interest income compared to the linked third fiscal quarter decreased, primarily due to a narrowing of the net interest margin. However, the annual increase was primarily attributable to an increase of 16 basis points in the margin, which in turn was caused principally by a decrease in the cost of funds, due to a shift from higher cost fixed rate deposits to lower cost core deposits.

Noninterest income for the fourth quarter and fiscal year ended June 30, 2010 totaled \$3,296,285 and \$12,146,071, respectively, representing increases of 13.2% and 12.8%, respectively, over the same periods during the previous fiscal year.

Delamater commented further, "We continue to see over 40% of our revenue generated from noninterest sources; our mortgage, insurance and investment divisions. Demand is driving an increase in hiring for these areas."

Capital Investment — FHB Formation LLC ("FHB")

On March 31, 2010, Northeast Bancorp announced that its Board of Directors unanimously agreed to sell \$16.2 million of newly-issued common shares to several independent accredited investors (the "Investors"), through FHB Formation LLC ("FHB"), an entity created for the investment, pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger between FHB and Northeast (the "Agreement"). In addition to their purchase of newly-issued common shares, under the terms of the Agreement, the Investors will also purchase approximately 40% of Northeast's outstanding common shares from existing shareholders for approximately \$12.9 million. The purchase of the new shares from Northeast and the purchase of Northeast shares from existing shareholders will be at a price equal to \$13.93 per share (the "Investment"). Immediately following the closing of the Investment, the existing Northeast shareholders will collectively own approximately 40% of the outstanding shares of Northeast, and the Investors will collectively own approximately 60% of the outstanding shares of Northeast.

On July 27, 2010, Northeast Bancorp announced that the shareholders of Northeast approved the Agreement. Completion of the

merger is subject to customary closing conditions, as well as the approval of various regulatory agencies.

In connection with the proposed transaction, Northeast has filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 containing a proxy statement/prospectus dated June 14, 2010, which has been mailed to Northeast shareholders. Investors and shareholders of Northeast are urged to read the proxy statement/prospectus filed with the SEC because it contains important information about Northeast and the proposed transaction. The proxy statement/prospectus and any other documents filed by Northeast with the SEC may be obtained free of charge at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. In addition, investors and security holders may obtain free copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Northeast by contacting Northeast at www.northeastbank.com.

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About Northeast Bancorp

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