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Report of Foreign Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of November, 2012

Commission File Number: 001-02413

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

935 de La Gauchetiere Street West Montreal, Quebec Canada H3B 2M9 (Address of principal executive offices)

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1. Press Release dated November 8, 2012 entitled, "CN announces US\$500-million debt offering."

Item 1

North America's Railroad

NEWS RELEASE

CN announces US\$500-million debt offering

MONTREAL, Nov. 8, 2012 — CN (TSX: CNR) (NYSE: CNI) today announced a public two-tranche debt offering of US\$500 million, comprised of US\$250 million 2.25% Notes due 2022, and US\$250 million 3.50% Notes due 2042. CN expects to close the offering on Nov. 20, 2012, subject to customary closing conditions.

CN plans to use the net proceeds from the offering for general corporate purposes, including the redemption and refinancing of outstanding indebtedness.

The debt offering is being made in the United States under an effective shelf registration statement CN filed on Nov. 4, 2011. The joint book-running managers of the debt offering are Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, RBC Capital Markets, LLC and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC. The co-managers of the debt offering are J.P. Morgan, BNP PARIBAS, BMO Capital Markets, Citigroup, Scotiabank, TD Securities, US Bancorp.

A copy of the prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus for the offering may be obtained by contacting Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, 222 Broadway, 11th Floor, New York, New York 10038, Attention: Prospectus Department, toll free: (800) 294-1322, e-mail: dg.prospectus_requests@baml.com; RBC Capital Markets, LLC, Three World Financial Center, 200 Vesey Street, New York, New York 10281, Attention: Debt Capital Markets, toll free: (866) 375-6829, email: usdebtcapitalmarkets@rbccm.com; or Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, 1525 West W.T. Harris Blvd., NC0675, Charlotte, North Carolina 28262, Attention: Client Support, toll free: (800) 326-5897, email: cmclientsupport@wellsfargo.com.

This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor will there be any sale of these securities, in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction.

Forward-Looking Statements

Certain information included in this news release constitutes "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and under Canadian securities laws, including with respect to the timing and completion of the proposed debt offering, which is subject to customary termination rights and closing conditions. CN cautions that, by their nature, these forward-looking statements involve risk, uncertainties and assumptions. The Company cautions that its

assumptions may not materialize and that the current economic conditions render such assumptions, although reasonable at the time they were made, subject to greater uncertainty.

Important risk factors that could affect the above 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 and assumptions 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 for a summary of major risks and assumptions.

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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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: November 8, 2012 By: /s/ Cristina Circelli

Name: Cristina Circelli Title: Deputy Corporate

Secretary and General

Counsel