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### MANITOBA CAISSE MEMBERS VOTED « YES » ON THE MERGER PROPOSAL

**Winnipeg, December 4, 2009** – While attending special meetings yesterday evening, members of Caisses Elie, La Prairie, Pembina and Saint-Boniface voted 93 % in favor of the Manitoba Caisse network's merger proposal.

Results of members having voted in favor (by Caisse):

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| ▪ Caisse Elie           | 95 % |
| ▪ Caisse La Prairie     | 92 % |
| ▪ Caisse Pembina        | 93 % |
| ▪ Caisse Saint-Boniface | 93 % |

«This vote will enable Caisses to establish an optimal and competitive structure within the financial services market in order to offer the best range of financial products and services to its members. That's excellent news for the Manitoba Caisse network » asserts Mr. Normand Collet, President of the merger committee.

The merger committee can now proceed to implement the structure ensuing from this decision and prepare our new Caisse's future. The anticipated date for the merger to officially take place is September 1st, 2010.

This new Caisse will have over 800 million dollars in assets and will serve over 30,000 members in 26 locations. Its Board of Directors will democratically represent regions served by Caisses ; the new Board will have 11 members (La Prairie 4; Saint-Boniface 3, Pembina 2, Elie 1 and the Fédération 1).

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Source :

Mr. Normand Collet, President of the Manitoba Caisses' Merger Committee

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