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NORTHFIELD LABORATORIES INC.

(Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

C. ROBERT COATES

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C. ROBERT COATES' TRACK RECORD AT INPRISE/BORLAND - (NASDAQ:BORL)

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| DATE | EVENT | Northfield Stock |
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| March 31, 1999 | * Inprise's CEO and CFO resign from the company | \$3.88 |
| April 5, 1999 | * A few days after the resignations of the CEO and CFO, the stock price reaches an intra-day low of \$2.69 before closing at \$3.03 | \$3.03 |
| April 13, 1999 | * Inprise Corporation's Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on May 11, 1999 states that on April 13, 1999 C. Robert Coates "submitted a notice to the Company in which he nominated himself to stand for election as a director" | \$3.38 |
| April 19, 1999 | * C. Robert Coates (Management Insights, Inc.) files a form SC 13D with the SEC disclosing the ownership of 3,015,500 shares of common stock of Inprise Corporation, or approximately 6.3% | \$3.69 |
| | * Mr. Coates disclosed that he had bought 995,000 shares at an average price of \$3.18 from April 5 through April 16, 1999 | |
| May 7, 1999 | * Inprise Corporation's Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on May 11, states that on May 7 "the Company and the Coates Group agreed to support for election to the Board at the Annual Meeting the slate of Board nominees including Mr. Coates" | \$4.44 |
| June 4, 1999 | * Inprise announces the election of C. Robert Coates to its Board of Directors | \$4.06 |
| | * Dale Fuller, Inprise's interim President and CEO says, "Bob brings to the Board experience in helping other companies succeed, as well as experience in mergers and acquisitions" | |
| August 20, 1999 | * In an article titled "Inprise Director Sues to Overturn Rule Limiting Ability to Get Company Data", the Wall Street Journal reports that Inprise, "on July 30 adopted policies that allow Inprise's chief executive officer to place limits on what corporate information directors can receive" | \$4.00 |
| | * The Wall Street Journal article adds, "C. Robert Coates, an outside director and investor who joined the board in June, sued the company and other directors this week in Delaware Chancery Court. The suit brands the policies an illegal 'gag order' that prevent him from carrying out his fiduciary responsibilities to oversee the company's operations" | |
| August 27, 1999 | * C. Robert Coates dismisses the civil action he had filed in the Delaware Court of Chancery against | \$3.84 |

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Inprise Corporation

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| ----- January 13, 2000 | <p>* In a form SC 13D/A filed with the SEC it is stated that Mr. Coates had determined to dismiss the suit without prejudice because "Inprise acknowledged that the Policies could not permit officers of the Company to determine what information directors are entitled to receive. Inprise also committed to provide (and has provided) to Mr. Coates at his office copies of materials that he had requested and invited Mr. Coates to request further information from Inprise officers without a formal written demand"</p> | ----- |
| ----- February 6, 2000 | <p>* Inprise announces plans to invest \$60 million in start-up businesses focused on wireless technologies, internet access infrastructure and Linux applications and technologies</p> <p>* A Borland press release states that "the investments will be reviewed by a committee consisting of Inprise/Borland's Dale Fuller and the company's CFO, Fred Ball, and two outside directors, Bill Hooper and Robert Coates"</p> | ----- \$14.50 |
| ----- February 7, 2000 | <p>* C. Robert Coates resigns his membership on the Board of Directors of Inprise Corporation because the company had not done thorough due diligence on the proposed merger with Corel</p> <p>* Mr. Coates left options to 40,000 shares "on the table" with an exercise price of \$4.00 per share, in essence walking away from \$357,600 (at the February 6, 2000 stock price)</p> <p>* Mr. Coates' resignation became effective immediately prior to the Inprise Board meeting to approve the proposed merger of Inprise and Corel Corporation; he did not vote on that transaction</p> | ----- \$12.94 (February |
| ----- March 8, 2000 | <p>* Corel and Inprise/Borland Corporation announce a \$2.4-billion merger agreement</p> <p>* Under the terms of the agreement, Inprise would become a wholly owned subsidiary of Corel</p> <p>* Inprise shareholders would receive 0.747 Corel common shares for each share of Inprise common stock held</p> | ----- \$13.25 |
| ----- March 20, 2000 | <p>* ZDNet UK and Reuters report that "Coates (had) said in a statement that he will oppose the merger unless it results in substantially higher prices for Inprise shareholders and can be shown to benefit its customers."</p> <p>* The National Post quotes Mr. Coates in saying that his decision to step down from the board "has everything to do with the deal"</p> | ----- \$9.19 |
| ----- March 20, 2000 | <p>* Corel Corporation announces its first quarter results for the quarter ending on February 29,2000</p> | ----- \$8.72 |

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| ----- April 14, 2000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Corel's net loss for the quarter was \$12.4 million or (\$0.29) per share * Corel's press release adds, "Based on the prospects for revenue and the cost structure in place at Corel, we expect that results for the next two quarters will mirror those experienced in this quarter" | ----- \$4.97 |
| ----- April 14, 2000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * C. Robert Coates (Management Insights, Inc.) files a complaint against Inprise and Corel in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware * The complaint seeks a "preliminary and permanent injunction against consummation of the merger of Inprise and Corel" * The complaint calls the deal "unfair" and further alleges that the February 7, 2000, agreement was reached through "misrepresentation" of Corel's present and anticipated financial status * The complaint also notes that the Inprise directors had a financial responsibility to "protect the interests of the Inprise stockholders" and pull out of the merger as soon as the "misstatements" were discovered | ----- \$4.97 |
| ----- April 19, 2000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * In a 10Q filed with the SEC Corel states, "If the proposed merger with Inprise Corporation does not occur, other sources of funding are not secured and/or Corel's operating results do not improve, a cash deficiency may occur within the next three months" | ----- \$5.50 |
| ----- April 27, 2000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Inprise Corporation asks for a review of the pending deal with Corel * According to a Reuters report, "Inprise/Borland said it made the fairness request after taking into account Corel's first quarter results and statements regarding its cash position." | ----- \$5.31 |
| ----- May 16, 2000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Corel announces, through a press release of its own, that its merger agreement with Inprise/Borland had "been terminated by mutual agreement of the two companies without payment of any termination fees" * Following termination of the merger agreement, Borland and C. Robert Coates stipulated that the complaint had become moot since the merger had been abandoned -- Inprise agreed to pay the fees and expenses incurred by Mr. Coates' counsel in connection with the lawsuit "in an aggregate amount of \$35,000" | ----- \$6.12 |
| ----- February 5, 2001 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Approximately one year after the announcement of the Inprise and Corel merger the Inprise/Borland stock price has increased 83.8% over the stock price on the day that the agreement between the | ----- \$11.25 |

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two companies had been terminated (May 16, 2000)

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| <p>----- January 10, 2002 -----</p> | <p>* Corel's share price is \$1.63 -- "Inprise/Borland's share price" would have been valued at \$1.22 if the merger had gone through</p> | <p>-----</p> |
| <p>----- August 20, 2002 -----</p> | <p>* Less than two years after the announcement of the Inprise and Corel merger the Inprise/Borland stock price has increased 186.1% over the stock price on the day that the agreement between the two companies had been terminated (May 16, 2000)</p> <p>* Corel's share price is \$1.93 - "Inprise/Borland's share price" would have been valued at \$1.44 if the merger had gone through</p> | <p>\$17.51</p> <p>-----</p> <p>\$10.45</p> <p>-----</p> |

Note: Mr. Coates is still a major stockholder in Borland.

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