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BCE CLOSES CDN \$2 BILLION PUBLIC DEBT OFFERING

Montreal (Quebec), October 30, 2002 -- BCE Inc. (TSX, NYSE: BCE) announced today that it has closed a public offering of \$300 million 6.20% Series A Notes, \$1,050 million 6.75% Series B Notes, and \$650 million 7.35% Series C Notes, further to its prospectus supplement dated October 25, 2002 to its August 1st, 2002 shelf prospectus filing. Total gross proceeds were \$2 billion.

About BCE

BCE is Canada's largest communications company. It has 24 million customer connections through the wireline, wireless, data/Internet and satellite services it provides, largely under the Bell brand. BCE leverages those connections with extensive content creation capabilities through Bell Globemedia which features some of the strongest brands in the industry -- CTV, Canada's leading private broadcaster, The Globe and Mail, the leading Canadian daily national newspaper and Sympatico.ca, a leading Canadian Internet portal. As well, BCE has extensive e-commerce capabilities provided under the BCE Emergis brand. BCE shares are listed in Canada, the United States and Europe.

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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.

BCE Inc.

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(Signed Michael T. Boychuk)

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Michael T. Boychuk  
Senior Vice-President and Corporate Treasurer

Date: October 30, 2002