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**RAYMOND McMANUS, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE LAURENTIAN BANK PRESENTER
AT THE CANADIAN FINANCIAL SERVICES CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL BANK FINANCIAL**

Montreal, March 27, 2006 – Raymond Mc Manus, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Laurentian Bank, will be a presenter at the National Bank Financial, Canadian Financial Services Conference, on March 29, 2006. His presentation will take place at 3:30 p.m.

Mr. McManus will address an update on the Laurentian Bank's strategic plan and financial performance. The speech "Committed" can be listened to through the Bank's Internet site at: www.laurentianbank.ca, by clicking on the announcement of the presentation on the front page of the site. It will also be possible to listen to the presentation on a delayed basis at the Investor Relations section under Investor presentations.

Laurentian Bank of Canada, is a Quebec banking institution operating across Canada dedicated to meeting the financial needs of its clients through the excellence of its service, its simplicity and its proximity. The Bank serves individual consumers, small and medium-sized businesses as well as, through B2B Trust, independent financial advisors. It also provides full-service brokerage solutions through the Laurentian Bank Securities subsidiary. Laurentian Bank is well established in the Province of Quebec, operating the third largest retail branch network and is a performing player in specific market segments elsewhere in the country. Laurentian Bank of Canada has over \$16 billion in balance sheet assets and close to \$15 billion in assets under administration. Founded in 1846, the Bank employs more than 3,000 people. Its common shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX: LB). For more information, please visit www.laurentianbank.ca.

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