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Laurentian Bank publishes its 2004 Annual Report

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Montreal, February 22, 2005 – Laurentian Bank today publishes the 158th edition of its Annual Report, which covers the fiscal year ended on October 31, 2004. In this report, Laurentian Bank presents a review of its operations and its financial results for the fiscal year.

The Annual Report, Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders, Management Proxy Circular and Annual Information Form are available online to investors, clients, the media, analysts, employees and the general public at the Laurentian Bank website www.laurentianbank.ca (Investor Relations section – Annual reports & Investor presentations). The print version of LBC's 2004 Annual Report along with the circular and proxy documents for the annual meeting of shareholders have been sent to Laurentian Bank shareholders.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of Laurentian Bank will be held at 9 a.m. on **March 16, 2005**, at the Windsor Hall, 1170, Peel Street in Montreal.

About Laurentian Bank

Founded in 1846, Laurentian Bank ranks seventh among Canadian Schedule I banks, with assets in excess of \$16 billion and close to \$15 billion in assets under management. The Bank offers highly competitive products and superior personalized service to meet the banking and financial needs of individuals, small and medium-sized businesses and independent financial advisors. The Bank's common shares are traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange (ticker symbol: LB). The address of the Bank's website is www.laurentianbank.ca.

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