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PROUD TO SUPPORT *LA GRANDE GUIGNOLÉE DES MÉDIAS* AGAIN, LAURENTIAN BANK'S EMPLOYEES REDOUBLE THEIR EFFORTS FOR THE 2005 EDITION

Montreal, November 28, 2005 – Laurentian Bank of Canada is very proud to join forces, for the second year, with *La grande guignolée des médias* as a “friend” of the event, and is happy to announce that its employees throughout the Province of Quebec are redoubling their efforts to make an even bigger impact on the success of this fund-raiser. Besides the official drop-off locations at Laurentian Bank's 157 branches, the Bank's employees, driven by the idea to make this Holiday season more joyful for the underprivileged in our society, have decided to set up some forty drop-off sites in the streets in addition to organizing various events at the Bank's branches and offices.

“We are very proud to contribute to this unique event that brings together and mobilizes Quebec's businesses, media and citizens. The Bank's management is happy to see that our employees take this noble cause close to heart. In fact, all Laurentian Bank branches will become the official drop-off locations for people wishing to donate money and non-perishables. Please be generous!” said Mr. Réjean Robitaille, Senior Executive Vice-President, Retail and Commercial Financial Services of Laurentian Bank.

Every year, Laurentian Bank supports various organizations recognized for the excellence of their undertakings and contributing to the well-being of our society. Thus, it participates in the development of the communities where it is present, on the economic, social, community-life, sports and cultural levels. This involvement also finds expression in the active and personal contribution of its managers and employees.

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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