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**PRESIDENT AND CEO OF LAURENTIAN BANK SPEAKING
AT THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CLUB**

Montreal, May 1, 2008 – Laurentian Bank is pleased to announce that its President and CEO, Réjean Robitaille, will be speaking today at the International Finance Club of Montréal at the Mount Stephen Club at noon.

Mr. Robitaille will talk to participants about the challenges involved in carrying out business strategies in the current context of economic upheaval and the effects of globalization. In particular, he will discuss Laurentian Bank's approach to implementing its strategies for optimizing operations.

About Laurentian Bank

Laurentian Bank of Canada is a banking institution operating across Canada and offering its clients diversified financial services. Distinguishing itself through excellence in service, as well as through its simplicity and proximity, the Bank serves individual consumers and small and medium-sized businesses. The Bank also offers its products to a wide network of independent financial intermediaries through B2B Trust, as well as full-service brokerage solutions through Laurentian Bank Securities.

Laurentian Bank is well established in the Province of Quebec, operating the third-largest retail branch network. Elsewhere throughout Canada, it operates in specific market segments where it holds an enviable position. Laurentian Bank of Canada has more than \$18 billion in balance sheet assets and more than \$15 billion in assets under administration. Founded in 1846, the Bank employs close to 3,400 people.

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