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**NEW ISSUE OF THE LAURENTIAN BANK TERM NOTE
WITH A 5.00 % RETURN IN THE FIFTH YEAR**

Montreal, January 31, 2006 – Laurentian Bank of Canada has launched the second issue of its new Term Note, commonly known as a *step-up bond*, to be offered in-branch. The Laurentian Bank Term Note has a potential term to maturity of 5 years and, since it is redeemable annually by the Bank, offers much better return rates than guaranteed investment certificates. Therefore, the average annual return on the 5-year Term Note issued during the period from January 30 to February 17, 2006, is 4.50%. The note pays a 4.00% rate for the first year, a 4.25% rate for the second year, a 4.50% rate for the third year, a 4.75% rate for the fourth year and a 5.00% rate for the fifth year.

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.

On each anniversary date of the investment only, the Bank may reimburse the full amount of the principal and of the accrued interest. In such a case, the interest earned in the previous year and the principal amount will be remitted at the anniversary date. The Term Note does not qualify as an insured deposit under the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation Act. The rates of interest may vary for each note issue. The announced Term Note rates are the rates on the note issue of January 30 to February 17, 2006.

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