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RRSP SEASON: LAURENTIAN BANK EXTENDS ITS BUSINESS HOURS

Montreal, February 22, 2006 – To enable its clients to make their RRSP contributions before the March 1st deadline, Laurentian Bank's branches are extending their business hours.

Since February 15 through Wednesday, March 1, 2006, financial advisors at the 157 branches of Laurentian Bank will welcome customers, wishing to contribute to their RRSPs, during the following business hours:

Monday to Friday (from Wednesday February 15 to March 1 st inclusively)	until 8:00 PM
Saturday (February 18 and 25)	9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Moreover, the Bank offers two other alternative ways to contribute to a RRSP: clients can invest online via Internet *BLCDirect* or call at 514 522-1846 (in Montreal) or 1 866 522-6688 (elsewhere), Monday to Friday, from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

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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