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LAURENTIAN BANK PRESIDENT AND CEO TO SPEAK AT THE SCOTIA CAPITAL FINANCIAL SUMMIT 2004 CONFERENCE

"Building a foundation for the long term"

Montreal, September 13, 2004 – Raymond McManus, President and Chief Executive Officer of Laurentian Bank of Canada, will speak at the Scotia Capital Financial Summit 2004 Conference on Wednesday, September 15, 2004 in Toronto.

Mr. McManus will address the conference at 2:30 p.m. He will make a status report on the Laurentian Bank three-year strategic plan. His speech "Building a foundation for the long term" can be listened live through the Bank's Internet site at www.laurentianbank.com. It will also be possible to listen on a delayed basis at the "Investors Relations" section under "Investors presentations". Speaker's notes and slide presentation will be archived at the same location.

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

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