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LAURENTIAN BANK CHANGES ITS MORTGAGE RATES

Montreal, March 1, 2006 — Laurentian Bank has changed its mortgage rates. The changes are as follows:

TERM		RATE			VARIATION		
6 month open:	from	7.650 %	to	7.850 %	+	0.200	%
6 month close:	from	5.700 %	to	5.900 %	+	0.200	%
6 month convertible:	from	5.850 %	to	6.050 %	+	0.200	%
1 year open:	from	8.000 %	to	8.200 %	+	0.200	%
1 year close:	from	5.850 %	to	6.050 %	+	0.200	%
18 month close:	from	5.850 %	to	6.050 %	+	0.200	%
2 year:	from	5.950 %	to	6.100 %	+	0.150	%
3 year:	from	6.100 %	to	6.200 %	+	0.100	%
4 year:	from	6.200 %	to	6.200 %		0.000	%
5 year:	from	6.450 %	to	6.450 %		0.000	%
6 year:	from	6.750 %	to	6.750 %		0.000	%
7 year:	from	7.000 %	to	7.150 %	+	0.150	%
8 year:	from	7.100 %	to	7.200 %	+	0.100	%
9 year:	from	7.100 %	to	7.200 %	+	0.100	%
10 year:	from	7.150 %	to	7.250 %	+	0.100	%

These new mortgage rates will be effective as of March 2, 2006

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