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**LAURENTIAN BANK INCREASES ITS  
AMERICAN PRIME RATE TO 8.50%**

**Montreal, May 10, 2006** — Laurentian Bank of Canada announces that it will increase its American prime lending rate by 25 basis points from 8.25% to 8.50% effective Thursday, May 11, 2006.

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