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**LAURENTIAN BANK DECREASES ITS PRIME RATE TO 3.75 %**

Montreal, April 13, 2004 — Laurentian Bank of Canada announces that it will decrease its prime lending rate by 25 basis points from 4.00 % to 3.75 % effective Wednesday, April 14, 2004.

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