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**Laurentian Bank branches accept donations
to the Red Cross fund to help Tsunami victims**

Montreal, December 30, 2004 - Laurentian Bank announced today that all of its branches will accept donations from the public for the Red Cross "South East Asia Tidal Wave and Earthquake" fund that helps victims of the tragedy. You can make donations in any Laurentian Bank branch from December 30, 2004 to January 28, 2005. The funds raised will go toward necessities such as shelter, food, drinking water and medical supplies.

About Laurentian Bank

Founded in 1846, Laurentian Bank ranks seventh among Canadian Schedule I banks, with balance sheet 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 and small and medium-sized businesses, and independent financial advisors. The Bank's common shares (ticker symbol: LB) trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange. The address of the Bank's website is www.laurentianbank.com

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