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**Laurentian Bank decreases its prime rate to 3.00%**

**Montréal, January 20, 2009** – Laurentian Bank of Canada announces that it will decrease its prime lending rate by 50 points from 3.50% to 3.00% effective Wednesday January 21, 2009.

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