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DIVIDEND NOTICE

Montreal, March 7, 2012 – At its meeting held on March 7, 2012, the Board of Directors of the Laurentian Bank of Canada (the "Bank") declared a regular quarterly dividend of 45 cents per share on the common shares payable on May 1, 2012 to the holders on record at the close of business on April 2, 2012.

For the year 2012, all dividends declared were eligible dividends for income tax legislation purposes, including the dividend on the common shares declared on March 7, 2012.

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