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LAURENTIAN BANK SECURITIES CHIEF ECONOMIST, CARLOS LEITAO, TO SPEAK AT THE CHAMBRE DE COMMERCE FRANÇAISE AU CANADA

Montréal, January 17, 2011 – Laurentian Bank is pleased to announce that Mr. Carlos Leitao, Chief Economist at Laurentian Bank Securities, will be participating tomorrow, January 18, in a luncheon conference organized by the Chambre de commerce française au Canada at the Intercontinental Hotel located at 360 Saint-Antoine Street West in Montréal. His talk will begin at noon.

Mr. Leitao will be speaking to a group of some 100 guests consisting primarily of businesspeople from the Montréal area. Being presented jointly with the Director of Economic Studies at BNP Paribas, Mr. Philippe d'Arvisenet, the discussion will focus on the economic recovery and its impacts on Europe and North America.

About Laurentian Bank

Laurentian Bank of Canada is a banking institution operating across Canada and offering its clients diversified financial services. Distinguishing itself through excellence in service, as well as through its simplicity and proximity, the Bank serves individual consumers and small and medium-sized businesses. The Bank also offers its products to a wide network of independent financial intermediaries through B2B Trust, as well as full-service brokerage solutions through Laurentian Bank Securities.

Laurentian Bank is well established in the Province of Quebec, operating the third-largest retail branch network. Elsewhere throughout Canada, it operates in specific market segments where it holds an enviable position. Laurentian Bank of Canada has more than \$23 billion in balance sheet assets and more than \$15 billion in assets under administration. Founded in 1846, the Bank employs more than 3,600 people.

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