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LAURENTIAN BANK SECURITIES CHIEF ECONOMIST, CARLOS LEITAO, TO SPEAK AT THE CERCLE FINANCE DU QUÉBEC

Montréal, January 18, 2011 – Laurentian Bank is pleased to announce that Mr. Carlos Leitao, Chief Economist at Laurentian Bank Securities, will be participating tomorrow, January 19, in an event organized by the Cercle finance du Québec at Michelangelo Restaurant located at 3111 chemin St-Louis in Ste-Foy. His talk will begin at noon.

Mr. Leitao will be speaking to a group of some 125 guests consisting primarily of businesspeople from the region. Being presented jointly with two other economists from Québec financial institutions, the discussion will focus on the economic forecasts for 2011.

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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