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LAURENTIAN BANK INCREASES ITS MORTGAGE RATES

Montreal, April 16, 2004 — Laurentian Bank announced today that it is increasing its mortgage rates. The changes are as follows:

| TERM | RATE | | | | VARIATION | |
|-----------------------|------------|---|----------|---|-----------|---|
| 6 month open: | from 6.600 | % | to 6.600 | % | 0.00 | % |
| 6 month closed : | from 5.150 | % | to 5.150 | % | 0.00 | % |
| 6 month convertible : | from 5.150 | % | to 5.150 | % | 0.00 | % |
| 1 year open: | from 6.650 | % | to 6.650 | % | 0.00 | % |
| 1 year closed : | from 4.450 | % | to 4.450 | % | 0.00 | % |
| 18 month closed : | from 4.600 | % | to 4.750 | % | + 0.15 | % |
| 2 year : | from 4.750 | % | to 4.900 | % | + 0.15 | % |
| 3 year : | from 5.350 | % | to 5.500 | % | + 0.15 | % |
| 4 year : | from 5.750 | % | to 5.950 | % | + 0.20 | % |
| 5 year : | from 5.950 | % | to 6.200 | % | + 0.25 | % |
| 6 year : | from 6.900 | % | to 6.900 | % | 0.00 | % |
| 7 year : | from 7.050 | % | to 7.300 | % | + 0.25 | % |
| 8 year : | from 7.500 | % | to 7.750 | % | + 0.25 | % |
| 9 year : | from 7.500 | % | to 7.750 | % | + 0.25 | % |
| 10 year : | from 7.750 | % | to 7.950 | % | + 0.20 | % |

These new mortgage rates will be effective as of April 17, 2004.

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