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**LAURENTIAN BANK CONFIRMS THAT ITS EXPOSURE TO NON-BANK SPONSORED
ASSET-BACKED COMMERCIAL PAPER IS LIMITED**

Montréal, August 21, 2007 - Laurentian Bank of Canada today announced that it is supporting the "Montreal agreement" of August 16, 2007 where major players in Canada's financial markets agreed to work out a solution to the liquidity problem facing the third party structured finance asset-backed commercial paper (ABCP) market. Furthermore, Laurentian Bank, through Laurentian Bank Securities, is working with the other signatories of the agreement to encourage all holders of third party ABCP to support the agreement.

Laurentian Bank and its subsidiaries have a limited exposure to the conduits covered by this agreement. The aggregate of all securities issued by these conduits and held by the Bank is approximately \$20M. The bank is not a liquidity provider for any bank or non-bank sponsored conduit.

Finally, no retail client of Laurentian Bank or Laurentian Bank Securities owns, with the institution, paper issued by these conduits.

About Laurentian Bank

Laurentian Bank of Canada, is a Quebec banking institution operating across Canada dedicated to meeting the financial needs of its clients through excellence in service, as well as through its simplicity and proximity. The Bank serves individual consumers, small and medium-sized businesses as well as financial advisors through B2B Trust. It also provides full-service brokerage solutions through its Laurentian Bank Securities subsidiary. Laurentian Bank is well established in the Province of Quebec, operating the third largest retail branch network and is a performing player in specific market segments elsewhere in the country. Laurentian Bank of Canada has over \$17 billion in balance sheet assets and \$15 billion in assets under administration. Founded in 1846, the Bank employs 3,300 people. Its common shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX: LB). For more information, please visit www.laurentianbank.ca.

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