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DIVIDEND NOTICE

MONTREAL, February 28, 2006 - At its meeting held on February 28, 2006, the Board of Directors of the Laurentian Bank of Canada has declared the following dividends:

- a regular quarterly dividend of 29 cents per share on the common shares payable on May 1, 2006 to the holders on record at the close of business on April 3, 2006;
- → a dividend of \$0.375 on the preferred shares Series 9, payable on March 15, 2006 to shareholders of record at the close of business on March 10, 2006; and
- → a dividend of \$0.328125 on the preferred shares Series 10, payable on March 15, 2006 to shareholders of record at the close of business on March 10, 2006.

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