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**LAURENTIAN BANK INCREASES ITS PRIME RATE TO 4.00 %**

Montreal, Septembre 8, 2004 — Laurentian Bank of Canada announces that its prime lending rate is at 4.00% from 3.75%, effective September 9, 2004.

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