



CARLOS LEITAO, CHIEF ECONOMIST AT LAURENTIAN BANK SECURITIES, TO PARTICIPATE IN CRAAQ'S *PERSPECTIVES* CONFERENCE

Montréal, April 26, 2010 – Laurentian Bank is pleased to announce that Mr. Carlos Leitao, Chief Economist and Strategist at Laurentian Bank Securities, will be participating in the *Perspectives* conference being organized by the Centre de référencement en agriculture et agroalimentaire du Québec (CRAAQ). His presentation will take place at 8:45 a.m. on April 27 at the Hôtel des Seigneurs in Saint-Hyacinthe.

Entitled *Recovery? What recovery? Economic and Financial Outlook for 2010-2011*, Mr. Leitao's talk will focus on North American economic prospects within a post-recession context, situational differences between Canada and the United States, and the major factors threatening economic development in the medium-term.

Laurentian Bank and the Agricultural Sector: A Well Established Partnership

Laurentian Bank is continuously improving its offerings to players within the agricultural sector, who already enjoy a well developed and well adapted range of products and services. Today, the Bank serves its clients in the various regions of Québec via seven agricultural financing centres operating from offices located in Drummondville, Granby, Lachute, Saint-Hyacinthe, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Sainte-Marie-de-Beauce and Victoriaville, as well as from its branches in Nicolet and Saint-Eustache. The institution's agricultural team is specialized in the agricultural and agro-food fields. The majority of the team originate from these milieus and, thus, are highly familiar with their specific realities.

The varied range of services offered by Laurentian Bank includes long- and short-term financing, project feasibility studies for the purposes of determining financing, as well as a host of other personal banking services catered to operators, producers, employees and their families. The Bank makes it a priority to offer its services in close proximity to its clientele, which distinguishes it from other institutions. Moreover, in line with its commitment to maintaining solid client relations, the institution offers the expertise of credible, conscientious and experienced personnel who are dedicated to effectively assessing medium- and long-term prospects and to nurturing relations fuelled by a spirit of productive partnership.

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 \$14 billion in assets under administration. Founded in 1846, the Bank employs more than 3,600 people.



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