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LAURENTIAN BANK DECREASES ITS MORTGAGE RATES

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

TERM	RM RATE			VARIATION		
6 month open:	from 6.600	%	to 6.600	%	0.00	%
6 month closed:	from 5.450	%	to 5.300	%	- 0.15	%
6 month convertible:	from 5.450	%	to 5.300	%	- 0.15	%
1 year open:	from 6.550	%	to 6.550	%	0.00	%
1 year closed:	from 4.750	%	to 4.600	%	- 0.15	%
18 month closed:	from 5.150	%	to 4.950	%	- 0.20	%
2 year:	from 5.300	%	to 5.100	%	- 0.20	%
3 year:	from 5.800	%	to 5.550	%	- 0.25	%
4 year:	from 6.150	%	to 5.950	%	- 0.20	%
5 year:	from 6.350	%	to 6.150	%	- 0.20	%
6 year:	from 7.200	%	to 7.050	%	- 0.15	%
7 year:	from 7.350	%	to 7.200	%	- 0.15	%
8 year:	from 7.600	%	to 7.500	%	- 0.10	%
9 year:	from 7.600	%	to 7.500	%	- 0.10	%
10 year :	from 7.800	%	to 7.700	%	- 0.10	%

These new mortgage rates will be effective as of January 19, 2004.

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