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**BLADEX ANNOUNCES QUARTERLY DIVIDEND PAYMENT
FOR FOURTH QUARTER 2009**

Panama City, Republic of Panama, January 21, 2010 - Banco Latinoamericano de Comercio Exterior, S.A. (Bladex) (NYSE: BLX), announced today a quarterly cash dividend of US\$0.15 per share corresponding to the fourth quarter of 2009.

The cash dividend was approved by the Board of Directors and is payable on February 8, 2010 to the Bank's stockholders as of the January 29, 2010 record date.

As of December 31, 2009, Bladex had 36,545,616.09 common shares outstanding of all classes.

Bladex is a supranational bank originally established by the Central Banks of Latin America and Caribbean countries to promote trade finance in the Region. Based in Panama, its shareholders include central and state-owned entities in 23 countries of the Region, as well as Latin American and international commercial banks, and institutional and retail investors.

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