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**Bladex Calls Special Meeting of Stockholders to Approve  
Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation**

Panama City, Republic of Panama, October 4, 2005 - Banco Latinoamericano de Exportaciones, S.A. (Bladex) (NYSE: BLX), announced today that it will hold a special stockholders meeting on November 7, 2005, to approve amended and restated Articles of Incorporation.

The meeting will be held at Bladex's headquarters at Calle 50 and Aquilino de la Guardia, Panama City, Republic of Panama, at 11:30 a.m., (local time). Stockholders of record as of September 29, 2005 will be entitled to vote.

The proposed amendments to the institution's Articles of Incorporation are beneficial to the Bank and its stockholders because they (1) broaden the scope of the Bank's business activities to encompass a wider range of financial services in support of foreign trade and economic development in Latin America, and (2) update the Articles of Incorporation consistent with best practices related to corporate governance and shareholders' rights for exchange listed companies.

Jaime Rivera, Bladex's CEO, stated, "The proposed amendments relate to changes to corporate provisions that date back to the early 1980's. The changes will bring Bladex up to the best of today's global standards for governance and shareholder rights. Additionally, the proposed expansion of the Bank's defined service offering will reinforce our ability to compete in the markets of the future. The new name being proposed for the Bank, *Banco Latinoamericano de Comercio Exterior*, or Foreign Trade Bank of Latin America, bears a closer relationship to Bladex's expanding role."

Bladex is a supranational bank originally established by the Central Banks of Latin American 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.

A Form 6-K with detailed information has been filed with The United States Securities and Exchange Commission, and can be found at [www.blx.com](http://www.blx.com).

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