

PLANS TO CONSOLIDATE CAPITAL STRUCTURE AND REDISTRIBUTE DIRECTOR REPRESENTATION

Panamá City, Republic of Panamá, February 8, 2000 – Banco Latinoamericano de Exportaciones, S.A. (BLADEX) (NYSE: BLX), today announced that its Board of Directors would recommend to shareholders at the Bank's annual general meeting on April 28, 2000, a plan to consolidate the Bank's Class B and Class C shares into a single class and to make that Class convertible on a share-for-share basis into the existing Class E shares which are traded on The New York Stock Exchange. The plan also would restructure the Bank's Board of Directors to provide more proportional representation for the various share classes.

BLADEX, with \$5.2 billion in assets, is a specialized multinational bank whose contribute to the sustained development of the Latin American and the Caribbean Region, by financing foreign trade and productive activities. Its shareholders include the central banks and 206 commercial banks from 23 countries of the Region, as well as international banks and private investors.

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