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**BLADEX ANNOUNCES QUARTERLY DIVIDEND PAYMENT
FOR SECOND QUARTER 2012**

Panama City, Republic of Panama, July 17, 2012 - Banco Latinoamericano de Comercio Exterior, S.A. (Bladex) (NYSE: BLX), announced today a quarterly cash dividend of US\$0.25 per share corresponding to the second quarter 2012.

The cash dividend was approved by the Board of Directors and is payable August 7, 2012 to the Bank's stockholders as of the July 30, 2012 record date.

As of June 30, 2012, Bladex had 37,926,118.09 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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