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Bladex Announces Dividend Payment for the Third Quarter of 2005

Panama City, Republic of Panama, September 20, 2005 - Banco Latinoamericano de Exportaciones, S.A. (Bladex) (NYSE: BLX), announced today that the \$0.15 per share quarterly cash dividend, approved by the Board of Directors on August 3, 2004, corresponding to the third quarter 2005, is payable on October 14, 2005 to stockholders of record as of October 4, 2005.

As of August 31, 2005, Bladex had 38,473,399.20 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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