

LATIN AMERICAN EXPORT BANK  
Form 6-K  
December 27, 2005

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 6-K**

Report of Foreign Private Issuer  
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 Or 15d-16 Of The  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of December, 2005

**BANCO LATINOAMERICANO DE EXPORTACIONES, S.A.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

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(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

Calle 50 y Aquilino de la Guardia  
Apartado 6-1497  
El Dorado, Panama City  
Republic of Panama

(Address of Registrant's Principal Executive Offices)

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.)

Form 20-F  Form 40-F

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g-3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.)

Yes  No

(If Yes is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b). 82\_\_.)

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Bladex Announces Dividend payment for the Fourth Quarter of 2005**

Panama City, Republic of Panama, December 27, 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 fourth quarter 2005, is payable on January 17, 2006 to stockholders of record as of January 6, 2006.

As of November 30, 2005, Bladex had 38,096,775.20 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 banks and state-owned entities in 23 countries in the Region, as well as Latin American and international commercial banks, along with institutional and retail investors.

For further information, please access our web site on the Internet at [www.blx.com](http://www.blx.com) or contact:

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