

LATIN AMERICAN EXPORT BANK
Form 6-K
December 28, 2004

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

**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.)

YesNo

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

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

December 28, 2004

BANCO LATINOAMERICANO DE EXPORTACIONES, S.A.

By: /s/ PEDRO TOLL

Name: Pedro Toll

Title: Deputy Manager

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Bladex

DECLARES FOURTH QUARTER 2004 DIVIDEND PAYMENT

Panama City, Republic of Panama, December 27, 2004 - Banco Latinoamericano de Exportaciones, S. A. (Bladex) (NYSE: BLX), informs that the \$0.15 per share quarterly cash dividend authorized for the year 2004 by the Board of Directors on February 3, 2004 corresponding to the fourth quarter 2004 is payable on January 17, 2005 to stockholders of record as of January 6, 2005. As of November 30, 2004, Bladex had 38,890,837.20 common shares of all classes outstanding.

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 in the Region, as well as Latin American and international commercial banks, and institutional and retail investors.

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