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**HSBC BANK CANADA PUBLISHES ANNUAL
PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY STATEMENT**

HSBC Bank Canada, its subsidiaries and affiliates have published their fifth annual Public Accountability Statement entitled, *HSBC Bank Canada in the Community 2006*. The document is available online at hsbc.ca.

Lindsay Gordon, President and Chief Executive Officer of HSBC Bank Canada, said: "At HSBC Bank Canada, we understand the importance of sharing our success with the communities in which we live and work. That's why we support various charitable organizations that contribute to our society whether it's through education, environmental initiatives or community development. Helping these organizations is our way of thanking the community for their support over the past 25 years."

HSBC Bank Canada in the Community 2006 includes information on our charitable donations and sponsorships that support education and environmental organizations, our commitment to our employees and customers and our support for business customers.

Printed copies of this publication are also available at any branch of HSBC Bank Canada.

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