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December 17, 2002

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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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, 2002

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BANCO LATINOAMERICANO DE EXPORTACIONES, S.A.  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

LATIN AMERICAN EXPORT BANK  
(Translation of Registrant's Name into English)

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Calle 50 y Aquilino de la Guardia  
Apartado 6-1497  
El Dorado, Panama City  
Republic of Panama  
(Address of Registrant's Principal Executive Offices)

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(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 the  
information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934).

Yes  No

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file assigned to the registrant in  
connection with Rule 12g-3-2(b): 82- \_\_\_\_\_

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SIGNATURE

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, thereunto duly authorized.

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BANCO LATINOAMERICANO DE EXPORTACIONES, S.A.

By: /s/ Pedro Toll

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Pedro Toll  
General Manager

INDEX OF EXHIBITS

Exhibit 99.(I) - Press Release, dated December 17, 2002, relating to the filing of BLADEX's Form F-2 Registration Statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission.