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**IN THE MATTER OF THE SECURITIES ACT  
R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER S.5 AS AMENDED**

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**Loblaw Companies Limited**  
**(NP #44 - Shelf)**

Receipt for Preliminary Short Form Prospectus dated **April 3rd, 2000** relating to the securities of the above Issuer(s) is hereby issued pursuant to Section 55 of the Act.

This preliminary mutual reliance review system decision document evidences that preliminary receipts of the regulators in each of **British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland** have been issued.

DATED at Toronto this **4th** day of **April, 2000**.

*"Kathryn Soden"*

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Kathryn Soden  
DIRECTOR, Corporate Finance

**Note:**

The issuance of this receipt is not to be construed as meaning that the adequacy of the preliminary prospectus and supporting material has been established. These are being reviewed by the Corporate Finance Staff and initial comments will be furnished to you by letter as soon as possible.

To: Borden & Elliot  
Barristers & Solicitors

**Attention: Andy W. Kingsmill**

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