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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, 2002

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)

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 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

Pedro Toll
General Manager

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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.