



M&T Bank Increases Prime Rate

BUFFALO, N.Y., March 22 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Effective today, Tuesday, March 22, 2005, M&T Bank will increase its prime lending rate from 5.50% to 5.75%.

M&T Bank is the principal subsidiary of Buffalo-based M&T Bank Corporation (NYSE: MTB - News), which has offices in New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware and the District of Columbia.

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