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Annual Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 1998

Commission file number: 333-14293

LEHMAN ABS CORPORATION,

(as the Depositor (the "Depositor"), Aurora Loan Services Inc. as Servicer (the "Servicer"), Norwest Bank Minnesota, National Association, as Master Servicer (the "Master Servicer"), and Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., as trustee (the "Trustee) under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement, dated as of January 1, 1998, providing for the issuance of the Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 1998-1).

LEHMAN ABS CORPORATION HOME EQUITY LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 1998-1.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE 13-3447441

(State or other jurisdiction (I.R.S. Employer

THREE WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER

20 VESEY STREET

NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10022

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (949) 556-0122

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: NOT APPLICABLE.

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: NOT APPLICABLE.

Indicate by check mark whether the Depositor (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Depositor was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes X No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the Depositor's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of the Form 10-K or any

amendment to this Form 10-K. [].

Aggregate market value of voting stock held by non-affiliates of the Depositor as of December 31, 1998: NOT APPLICABLE.

Number of shares of common stock outstanding as of December 31, 1998: NOT APPLICABLE.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Documents in Part I and Part IV incorporated herein by reference are as follows:

None

Documents in Part II and Part IV incorporated herein by reference are as follows:

Monthly Report to Certificateholders as to distributions made on February 25, 1998, and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Form 8-K on September 8, 1998.

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Monthly Report to Certificateholders as to distributions made on

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PART I

ITEM 1. Business.

The trust fund relating to Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of January 1, 1998 (the "Pooling and Servicing Agreement") among Lehman ABS Corporation, as Depositor (the "Depositor"), Aurora Loan Services Inc., as servicer (the "Servicer"), Norwest Bank Minnesota, National Association, as Master Servicer (the "Master Servicer"), and Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., as trustee (the "Trustee).

The Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 1998-1 (the "Certificates"), consist of the following Classes (each, a "Class") of Certificates: Class A-1 Certificates, Class PO Certificates, Class X Certificates and Class R Certificates (collectively, the "Senior Certificates"), the Class M-1 Certificates and Class M-2 Certificates (collectively, the "Class B Certificates" and together with the Class M Certificates, the "Subordinate Certificates"). The Class M-1 Certificates, Class M-2 Certificates and Class B-1 Certificates are collectively referred to as the "Offered Subordinate Certificates." Only the Senior Certificaes and the Offered Subordinate Certificates (collectively, the "Offered Certificates") are being offered hereby.

The Certificates evidence in the aggregate the entire beneficial interest in a pool (the "Mortgage Pool") of non-conforming closed-end fixed-rate home equity loans (the "Mortgage Loans") held by Lehman Home Equity Loan Trust 1998-1 (the "Trust Fund" or the "Trust") formed pursuant to a Pooling and Servicing Agreement among Lehman ABS Corporation, as depositor (the "Depositor"), Norwest Bank Minnesota, National Association, as master servicer (the "Master Servicer"), Aurora Loan Services Inc., as servicer (the "Servicer") and Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., as trustee (the "Trustee"). The assets of the Trust will also include certain other property. The Mortgage Loans are secured by first, second and third deeds of trust or mortgages primarily on one- to four-family residential properties. All of the Mortgage Loans were acquired by the Depositor from Lehman Capital, a Division of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. (the "Seller").

Information with respect to the business of the Trust would not be meaningful because the only "business" of the Trust is the collection on the Mortgage Loans and distribution of payments on the Certificates to Certificateholders. This information is accurately summarized in the Monthly Reports to Certificateholders, which are filed on Form 8-K. There is no additional relevant information to report in response to Item 101 of Regulation S-K.

ITEM 2. Properties.

The Depositor owns no property. The Lehman Home Equity Loan Trust 1998-1 Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 1998-1, in the aggregate, represent the beneficial ownership in a Trust consisting

primarily of the Mortgage Loans. The Trust will acquire title to real estate only upon default of the mortgagors under the Mortgage Loan. Therefore, this item is inapplicable.

ITEM 3. Legal Proceedings.

None.

- ITEM 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.
- No matters were submitted to a vote of Certificateholders during the fiscal year covered by this report.

PART II

- ITEM 5. Market for Depositor's Common Equity and Related Stockholder Matters.
- The Lehman Home Equity Loan Trust 1998-1 Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 1998-1 represent, in the aggregate, the beneficial ownership in a trust fund consisting primarily of the Mortgage Loans. The Certificates are owned by Certificateholders as trust beneficiaries. Strictly speaking, Depositor has no "common equity," but for purposes of this Item only, Depositor's Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Certificates are treated as "common equity."
 - (a) Market Information. There is no established public trading market for Depositor's Notes. Depositor believes the Notes are traded primarily in intra-dealer markets and non-centralized inter-dealer markets.
- (b) Holders. The number of registered holders of all classes of Certificates on December 31, 1998 was: 9.
 - (c) Dividends. Not applicable. The information regarding dividend required by sub-paragraph (c) of Item 201 of Regulation S-K is inapplicable because the Trust does not pay dividends. However, information as to distribution to Certificateholders is provided in the Monthly Reports to Certificateholders for each month of the fiscal year in which a distribution to Certificateholders was made.
- ITEM 6. Selected Financial Data.
- Not Applicable. Because of the limited activities of the Trust, the Selected Financial Data required by Item 301 of Regulation S-K does not add relevant information to that provided by the Monthly Reports to Certificateholders, which are filed on a monthly basis on Form 8-K.
- ITEM 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.
- Not Applicable. The information required by Item 303 of Regulation S-K is inapplicable because the Trust does not have management per se, but rather the Trust has a Trustee who causes the preparation of the Monthly Reports to Certificateholders. The information provided by the Monthly Reports to Certificateholders, which are filed on a monthly basis on Form 8-K, does provide the relevant financial information regarding the financial status of the Trust.

ITEM 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

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Annual Statement of Compliance by the Master Servicer is not currently available and will be subsequently filed on Form 8.

Independent Accountant's Report on Servicer's will be subsequently filed
 on Form 8.

ITEM 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.

PART III

ITEM 10. Directors and Executive Officers of Depositor.

Not Applicable. The Trust does not have officers or directors. Therefore, the information required by items 401 and 405 of Regulation S-K are inapplicable.

ITEM 11. Executive Compensation.

Not Applicable. The Trust does not have officers or directors to whom compensation needs to be paid. Therefore, the information required by item 402 of regulation S-K is inapplicable.

ITEM 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management.

(a) Security ownership of certain beneficial owners. Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement governing the Trust, the holders of the Certificates generally do not have the right to vote and are prohibited from taking part in management of the Trust. For purposes of this Item and Item 13 only, however, the Certificateholders are treated as "voting security" holders.

As of December 31, 1998, the following are the only persons known to the Depositor to be the beneficial owners of more than 5% of any class of voting securities:

Norwest Bank Minnesota, National Association John Kemper 733 Marquette Avenue Minneapolis, MN 55479-0056 Series 1998-1 Class A-1 \$94,550,000.00 (Original Principal Balance) 83.0% (Percentage of Class)

Star Bank, National Association, Cincinnati Carolyn Holt
P.O. Box 1118
Mail Location 6120
Cincinnati, OH 45201-118
Series 1998-1
Class A-1
\$20,000,000.00 (Original Principal Balance)
18.0% (Percentage of Class)

LBI-Lehman Government Securities, Inc. Steve Patriarco, Sr. V.P. 101 Hudson Street 31st Floor Jersey City, NJ 07302 Series 1998-1 Class PO

\$15,922.00 (Original Principal Balance) 100% (Percentage of Class) LBI-Lehman Government Securities, Inc. Steve Patriarco, Sr. V.P. 101 Hudson Street 31st Floor Jersey City, NJ 07302 Series 1998-1 Class X \$135,147,596.00 (Original Principal Balance) 100% (Percentage of Class) Citibank, N.A. Marta Hoosain P.O. Box 30576 Tampa, FL 33630-3576 Series 1998-1 Class M-1 \$13,977.00 (Original Principal Balance) 100% (Percentage of Class) LBI-Lehman Government Securities, Inc. Steve Patriarco, Sr. V.P. 101 Hudson Street 31st Floor Jersey City, NJ 07302 Series 1998-1 Class M-2 \$2,727,000.00 (Original Principal Balance) 100% (Percentage of Class) LBI-Lehman Government Securities, Inc. Steve Patriarco, Sr. V.P. 101 Hudson Street 31st Floor Jersey City, NJ 07302 Series 1998-1 Class B-1 \$1,363,000.00 (Original Principal Balance) 100% (Percentage of Class) Tfinn &Co c/o Chase Manhattan Bank P.O. Box 50000 Dept 6583 Outsourcing Service Newark, NJ 07101 Series 1998-1 Class R

\$99.00 100%

- (b) Security ownership of management. Not Applicable. The Trust does not have any officers or directors. Therefore, the information required by Item 403 of Regulation S-K is inapplicable.
- (c) Changes in control. Not Applicable. Since Certificateholders do not possess, directly or indirectly, the power to direct or cause the

direction of the management and policies of the Trust, other than in respect to certain required consents regarding any amendments to the Pooling and Servicing Agreement, the information requested with respect to item 403 of Regulation S-K is inapplicable.

ITEM 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions.

- (a) Transactions with management and others. Depositor knows of no transaction or series of transactions during the fiscal year ended December 31, 1998, or any currently proposed transaction or series of transactions, in an amount exceeding \$60,000 involving the Depositor in which the Certificateholders identified in Item 12(a) had or will have a direct or indirect material interest. There are no persons of the types described in Item 404(a)(1),(2) and (4) of Regulation S-K, however, the information required by Item 404(a)(3) of Regulation S-K is hereby incorporated by reference in Item 12 herein.
- (b) Certain business relationships. None.
- (c) Indebtedness of management. Not Applicable. The Trust does not have management consisting of any officers or directors. Therefore, the information required by item 404 of Regulation S-K is inapplicable.
- (d) Transactions with promoters. Not Applicable. The Trust does not use promoters. Therefore, the information required by item 404 of Regulation S-K is inapplicable.

PART IV

ITEM 14. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules, and Reports on Form 8-K.

(a) The following is a list of documents filed as part of this report:

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(b) The following Reports on Form 8-K were filed during the last quarter of the period covered by this Report:

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- (c) The exhibits required to be filed by Depositor pursuant to Item 601 of Regulation S-K are listed above and in the Exhibit Index that immediately follows the signature page hereof.
- (d) Not Applicable. The Trust does not have any subsidiaries or affiliates. Therefore, no financial statements are filed with respect to subsidiaries or affiliates.
- Supplemental information to be furnished with reports filed pursuant to Section 15(d) by Depositors which have not registered securities pursuant to Section 12 of the Act.

No annual report, proxy statement, form of proxy or other soliciting material has been sent to Certificateholders, and the Depositor does not contemplate sending any such materials subsequent to the filing of this report.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Depositor has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

By: Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A.
not in its individual capacity but solely
as a duly authorized agent of the
Registrant pursuant to the Pooling and
Servicing Agreement, dated as of January 1,
1998.

By: /s/Judy L. Gomez
Judy L. Gomez
Assistant Vice President

Date: March 25, 1999

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Document

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- 2.0 Monthly Report to Certificateholders as to distributions made on November 25, 1998, and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Form 8-K on December 31, 1998.
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