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## Media Release

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The Atlantic Chamber of Commerce (ACC) is pleased to announce that Richie Mann was sworn in as the organization's chair during their 121st annual general meeting held in Summerside today.

Richard W. "Richie" Mann is a well-known businessman & retired Canadian politician in Nova Scotia. Born and educated in St. Peter's, Nova Scotia, Mann began his career at the pulp and paper mill in Point Tupper where he worked for 17 years before entering the political arena in 1985 as a municipal councillor for Richmond County. In 1988 he successfully ran for the Liberal nomination in the riding of Richmond and was elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly. Re-elected in 1993 and with his party forming government, he was appointed Minister of Transportation. He was later appointed Minister of Economic Development and Tourism and also served as Government House Leader.

Mann founded Corporate Strategic Consulting in 1998 as an independent consulting firm specializing in government relations, issues management, lobbying and research. Mann has been employed full time with the Melford International Terminal project

since 2007. He currently holds the position of Vice-President of Marketing and Government Relations.

Mann said, "I am looking forward to Chairing the Atlantic Chamber Board for the next year. I have enjoyed my involvement on the Board the past four years and I recognize the important work the Chamber does". He added, "I am committed to continuing the tradition of having the Chamber be a strong advocate for the business community, and all members of the Atlantic Chamber".

Valerie Roy, CEO commented "ACC is very fortunate to have a person of Richie's caliber at the head of the organization and we are confident that with his leadership, it will continue to be a strong, credible and unified voice for business in Atlantic Canada."

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### **About the Atlantic Chamber of Commerce**

The Atlantic Chamber of Commerce Inc. /La Chambre de commerce de l'Atlantique Inc. (ACC) serves as a federation of 95 local chambers of commerce and boards of trade throughout Atlantic Canada, representing some 16,000 businesses.

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