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TO: NEWS EDITOR – For Immediate release

DIANE HADAD RE-ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE TOBAGO DIVISION OF THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO CHAMBER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE. NEW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ALSO ELECTED.

The Tobago Division of the Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce held its Annual General Meeting on Monday 17 March, 2014 at the Division's offices in Scarborough, Tobago, where **Ms. Diane Hadad** was elected, unopposed, for a second term as Chairman of the Division.

A new Management Committee was also elected:

Immediate Past Chairman - David Wong (non-elected; 2nd term)

Vice Chairman - John Chapman

Honorary Secretary - Carlos Dillon

Assistant Hon. Secretary - Janet Parks

Committee Member - Andrea Tuitt

Committee Member - Ray Thomas

Committee Member - Christopher James

Committee Member - Curtis Williams

Committee Member - Demi John Cruickshank

Committee Member - David Ford

Recounting the first year of her Chairmanship, Diane had this to say: "We have had some successes over the past year, especially with respect to our work with the Tobago House of Assembly (THA). We have continued to gain a lot of respect and I know that our stakeholders see the Chamber and the Tobago division as standing firm on its recommendations to rebuild a strong economy, a goal which we will continue to be steadfast in attaining."

While acknowledging that her role as Chair was not an easy one, which required a great deal of her time – in fact, by her last count, she had attended 224 meetings on behalf of the Division in the past year – she thanked her Management Committee for their support and urged all Members of the Tobago Division to make use of the opportunity to give input and serve the Chamber when called upon to do so.

The Division has been involved and instrumental in several initiatives, including the Tobago Tourism Development Fund, and next will focus its attention on reviewing and giving comment on behalf of Tobago businesses on the Beverage Container Bill.

The new Management Committee thanked Diane for her unstinting service and expressed their complete faith and support in her continued Chairmanship. Ms Camille Sears-Carter Wells - Acting CEO and Trade and Business Development Manager, also congratulated Diane on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Chamber. She noted Diane's accomplishments over the past year stating that she is well-known for passionately pursuing the interests of the Tobago private sector. Ms Wells also reaffirmed the Chamber's commitment and support of the Tobago Division in the achievement of their objectives for 2014.

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