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**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**T&T CHAMBER WELCOMES NEW PRESIDENT**

The Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce wishes to announce the appointment of Mr. Ronald Hinds as President of the T&T Chamber, with effect from March 22, 2017. Mr. Hinds, former Senior Vice President of the T&T Chamber, intends to continue working alongside CEO, Mr. Gabriel Faria and immediate Past President Mr. Robert Trestrail to lead the way forward.

The T&T Chamber thanks Mr. Trestrail for his service. Since 2015, he has successfully guided the country's most recognised business services organisation, ensuring that the contributions and outlooks of the business community were always efficiently represented across the various sectors.

Mr. Hinds brings a wealth of expertise and knowledge to the T&T Chamber. He is currently the Chairman and CEO of Teleios Systems Limited, a Trinidad and Tobago based software services company. He has served on the board of the T&T Chamber since 2011, in the capacities of Vice President and Senior Vice-President before now. He has also served as a Chamber representative on the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago's (CBTT) Payments System Council (PCS), an advisory body to the CBTT comprising key stakeholders in the payments system, since 2009. He has served as both Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Trinidad and Tobago e-Business Roundtable (e-BRT), a private sector led partnership with government that aims to map out a strategy for

Trinidad and Tobago's economic growth and success by focusing on leadership, opportunity recognition, innovation and revenue generation through the use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in business. He is the recipient of the UWI Distinguished Alumni award.

Mr. Hinds sees opportunity in times of crisis. He believes that diversification plays an important role in the development of a more sustainable economy and it should be embraced as a way of moving forward. He envisions that the T&T Chamber will rise to the occasion, as the business community continues to collaborate to solve various issues that we confront as a nation.

In addition to leading Teleios, Mr. Hinds devotes considerable time to the pursuit of his interest in a range of initiatives including doing business with integrity, entrepreneurship, leadership and the development of the local and regional services sector. He currently coordinates the Strategic Leadership Team of Congress Corporate, a global network of business leaders and businesses, which promote ethical business practices and values-based leadership.

The T&T Chamber warmly welcomes Mr. Hinds who will serve for the period 2017 to 2018. In this new post, we anticipate positive outcomes from his professional endeavours and initiatives at the organisation.

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