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### **George ROPER**

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George Roper FCA, FCCA, CISA (non-prac.), B Sc. (Hons.) is the Vice President Compliance – Scotiabank Group Jamaica and Director Compliance Caribbean Central District. In that position, he has responsibility for the leadership and oversight of the AML/CFT and financial regulatory compliance programmes of Scotiabank and its affiliates in Jamaica. Scotiabank Jamaica is one of the oldest (over 125 years old) and largest banks operating in Jamaica, and is part of a global organization that operates in

over 40 countries.

Mr. Roper was previously the Deputy Executive Director of the Financial Services Commission (FSC), taking up that position on April 1, 2007. The Commission is the public sector body responsible for regulating the investments, insurance and pension sectors in Jamaica. Mr. Roper acted as Executive Director of the FSC in 2008, at a time during which the FSC fearlessly took decisive action against unregulated financial organizations. During that period, the FSC also made significant progress in the registration of pension funds. Mr. Roper had previously served as Senior Director of Securities at the FSC and prior to that was its Senior Director of Examinations and Investigations.

Mr. Roper is a former President and CEO of Mayo Holdings Limited (1998-1999) a management consultancy practice specializing in outsourced internal audit services for clients operating in the investment, merchant banking, fast food, real estate property management and hospitality industries. Mr. Roper was also previously the Head of Information Systems Audit at ICWI Group (1992–1995) and Chief Internal Auditor at Jamaica Mutual Life Assurance Society (1995-1997). Over his career, he has led and conducted audit assignments which uncovered fraud and irregularities in financial institutions based in North America, Jamaica, and other parts of the Caribbean.

Mr. Roper is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Jamaica (“ICAJ”); a Fellow of the UK’s Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and holds a B Sc. degree in Management Studies. He is also a Certified Information Systems Auditor (“CISA”) having extensive experience in financial statement and information systems auditing which was gained while he was at Price Waterhouse, now Pricewaterhouse Coopers, between 1984 and 1992).

Mr. Roper has been an insightful, vibrant and much sought after presenter at conferences and seminars. He has presented on matters related to regulation/audit/compliance at events, which were held in the Americas, Caribbean and Europe, and were organized by notable organizations such as the Council of Securities Regulators of the Americas, The International Symposium on Economic Crime (based at Cambridge University in the UK), the Institute of Internal Auditors ("IIA"), the ICAJ, the FSC, the IMF administered Caribbean Regional Technical Assistance Centre, the Caribbean Group of Securities Regulators, the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (St. Kitts), the Caribbean Association of Insurance Regulators, the Jamaica Institute of Financial Services, the Jamaica Bankers Association, the Florida International Bankers Association, KAW Management Services (Antigua), Global Compliance Solutions (Cayman), the Jamaica Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Jamaica Stock Exchange (JSE) and the Jamaica Chapter of the Global association of Risk Professionals (GARP).

Mr. Roper serves the Accounting profession through his membership of the ICAJ's Audit Practices Committee (1999 – present). He is a former member of the Public Accountancy Board (2014 to 2016), the body which registers public accountants (RPAs) and promulgates rules and standards which govern the practice of RPAs in Jamaica. He has since 2011 been a member of the Board of Governors of the JSE's e-Campus. Between 1997 and 1998 Mr. Roper was President of the Jamaica Chapter of the IIA and now serves as a member of the chapter's Board of Governors (2013 to present). He is a member of the Kiwanis Club of North St Andrew and a proud past student of the now over 100-year-old Calabar High School which has a rich tradition of achievement in academics, sports and the arts, making a significant contribution to the building of Jamaica as a nation state.