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For release Friday 14 January 2011 Appointment of Ms Ranee Crosby to the Chamber's Executive

Late last year, the Executive of the Townsville Chamber of Commerce accepted the nomination of Ranee Crosby as a member of the Executive Committee due to a casual vacancy.

As General Manager Support Services and Company Secretary for Port of Townsville Limited, Ranee oversees strategic planning and development, commercial and financial management, funding for major projects, property management, legal services, human resources, as well as the information management functions for the ports of Townsville and Lucinda.

"We are very pleased that Ranee has joined the Executive says the President of the Chamber, John Carey. "Aside from strengthening our ties with one of the region's most significant business, the Chamber now has a representative of a state-owned corporation as part of its team", says Mr. Carey.

The Chamber's Executive brings together professionals from a variety of sectors, from retail, small businesses and franchises, to marketing, media and public relations, law, surveying, engineering and construction, commercial real estate, as well as finance and accounting.

Ms Crosby completes the team's know-how with her experience in corporate governance, strategic planning and infrastructure.

"As the Chamber's motto is *making business connections*, says Mr. Carey, "Ranee also brings her networks to the Chamber."

In 2009, Ms Crosby was appointed to the James Cook University Council. She sits on JCU's Audit and Compliance Committee and is the Deputy Chair of the JCU Remuneration and Human Resources Committee. She is also Chair of the Townsville Committee of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

"I look forward to being involved with the Chamber" says Ms Crosby. "It is an opportunity to explore new opportunities with local businesses that provide important services and products to the port and logistics industry. The latter is essential for the continued growth and economic development of North Queensland and plays a vital role in the State and national economies."

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