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### SCDI APPOINTS NEW PRESIDENT AND CHAIR

10 December 2009

Former STUC General Secretary Campbell Christie and Robert Armour, Scottish Advisor to global energy firm EDF Energy were today (Thursday, December 10) confirmed as the Scottish Council for Development and Industry's new President and Chair.

At its AGM in Edinburgh, the SCDI members unanimously approved both appointments. Bill Drummond, Managing Partner of legal firm Brodies, was confirmed as Deputy Chair.

In her valedictory address as SCDI's outgoing chair **Shonaig Macpherson** wished Mr Christie and her successor every success in steering the organisation in the years ahead.

**Commenting on his appointment, SCDI's incoming Chair Robert Armour said:**

'I am delighted to be taking over as chair of SCDI at such a challenging time for Scotland.

The economic climate means we will all have to face difficult choices as we prioritise what is important for sustainable growth and the delivery of public services.

**Mr Christie said:**

'It is an honour to take over the presidency of SCDI at this important and challenging time.'

**Commenting on the new appointments, SCDI's Chief Executive, Dr Lesley Sawers said:**

"I am delighted SCDI will benefit from the leadership and experience of both Campbell Christie and Robert Armour and the board, team and I look forward to working with them both.

'This is an important and critical time and their input will be invaluable in ensuring SCDI plays a key role in driving forwards the delivery of a sustainable economic future for Scotland.

**Notes to Editors:**

SCDI is an independent and inclusive economic development network which seeks to influence and inspire government and key stakeholders with our ambitious vision to create sustainable economic prosperity for Scotland.

Campbell Christie CBE was General Secretary of the STUC from 1986-98. Since retiring from full-time employment he has held a number of board appointments including South West Trains, British Waterways and Falkirk Football Club where he has been Chairman (1993-4 and 2001 -2009). He has been President of Age Concern Falkirk since 2002 and is Chairman of the Raploch Urban Regeneration Company.



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Robert Armour, OBE is Scottish Adviser to the EDF Energy Group, the UK arm of one of the world's largest energy companies. Prior to his current role he was General Counsel of British Energy Group PLC, the electricity generator which operates eight nuclear power stations in the UK. He has worked in the energy sector since 1990 and was awarded 'In-House Lawyer of the Year' by Lawyer Magazine for his role in the restructuring of British Energy.

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