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**IRONSHORE'S PAUL S. GIORDANO NAMED CO-CHAIR
OF THE FINANCIAL SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE AT
THE NEW ENGLAND COUNCIL**

Hamilton, Bermuda, December 15, 2011 – Ironshore Inc. announces that Paul S. Giordano, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, has been named the Co-Chair of the Financial Services Policy Committee at The New England Council based in Boston, where Ironshore's U.S. group headquarters are located. Mr. Giordano will serve with Jim Febeo, Senior Vice President of Government Relations at Fidelity Investments, in leading the committee's mission to identify and support policies that promote the financial services sector in New England.

Mr. Giordano has a breadth of experience in the financial services sector, primarily in the global insurance industry. Prior to joining Ironshore in 2009, he was Chief Executive Officer and Deputy Chairman of Security Capital Assurance and held various leadership positions with XL Capital Ltd. Mr. Giordano serves as a Senior Advisor to the Committee on Capital Markets Regulation, an independent research organization dedicated to improving the regulation of U.S. capital markets. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School, Oxford University and the University of Missouri.

“The New England Council has been honored to count Ironshore among our members for many years. Paul’s extensive experience in the financial services sector here in our region will no doubt make him a tremendous asset to our Financial Services Policy Committee. His leadership as a co-chair will be instrumental as we continue to monitor the impact of financial industry reform during this period of unprecedented economic market challenges,” said James T. Brett, President and Chief Executive Officer of The New England Council.

About Ironshore

Ironshore provides broker-sourced specialty property and casualty insurance coverages for risks on a global basis through its various international platforms. The Ironshore group of companies is rated A- (Excellent) by A.M. Best with a Financial Size Category of Class XIII. Ironshore’s Pembroke Syndicate 4000 operates within Lloyd’s where the market rating is A (Excellent) by A.M. Best and A+ (Strong) from both Standard & Poor’s and Fitch. For more information, please visit:

www.ironshore.com.

About The New England Council

The New England Council (NEC), the country’s oldest regional business organization, is an alliance of businesses, academic and health institutions, and public and private organizations throughout New England that promotes economic growth and a high quality of life in the region. The Council is dedicated to identifying and supporting federal public policies and articulating the voice of its membership regionally and nationally on important issues facing New England. The NEC also is committed to working with public and private sector leaders across the region and in Washington through educational programs and forums for information exchange. For more information, please visit:

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