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NEW CHAIRS FOR ALC AND B.C. FARM INDUSTRY REVIEW BOARD

VICTORIA – Richard Bullock has been appointed chair of the Agricultural Land Commission and Ron Kilmury has been appointed chair of the B.C. Farm Industry Review Board, Minister of Agriculture and Lands Steve Thomson announced today.

Bullock has previously served as a member and chair of the B.C. Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB), working within the complex regulated marketing system both provincially and nationally. He is a Kelowna orchardist and managing director of a large Okanagan orchard and agri-tourism operation. Bullock has also been president of the B.C. Fruit Growers' Association, B.C. Tree Fruits Ltd., and Sun-Rype Products Ltd., and director of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. Bullock has also been appointed CEO of the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) for one year.

Kilmury has over 30 years of international experience leading diverse business ventures. He has worked in the agriculture and agri-food sectors, and served on the boards of major agriculture industry associations such as the B.C. Salmon Farmers Association. Kilmury was general manager and vice president of Nutrena Feeds group, and president of Nutreco. He has a diploma in agriculture and a certificate in marketing management.

The final appointments were made through cabinet order-in-councils. Both appointments are effective June 11, 2010–Nov. 30, 2013.

The ALC is an independent administrative tribunal responsible for administering the province's Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR). The commission's mission is to preserve agricultural land and encourage and enable farm businesses throughout B.C. The ALR is the largest it has ever been in its history, with more than 4.7 million hectares set aside for farming. For more information, visit <http://www.alc.gov.bc.ca/>.

BCFIRB is an independent administrative tribunal, which operates as a general supervisory body over commodity boards and has overall responsibility for marketing of regulated agricultural products in B.C. BCFIRB hears appeals from people dissatisfied by orders, decisions or determinations of the commodity boards, and is a signatory to federal-provincial agreements about supply-managed commodities. For more information, visit <http://www.firb.gov.bc.ca/>.

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