

**JOHN SHEA INSURANCE BROKERS LTD. TO JOIN BROKERLINK**

**April 2, 2014** – John Shea Insurance Brokers Ltd. announced today they will join BrokerLink, one of the largest Canadian property and casualty insurance brokerages. Terms of the transactions were not disclosed.

“I have carefully considered how we can best continue to deliver excellent service and preferable insurance solutions to our customers in Ottawa,” said John Shea, owner of John Shea Insurance Brokers. “BrokerLink will help meet our customers’ evolving needs with its scale and resources, technological capabilities and brand expertise. For our employees, BrokerLink offers stability and opportunities for further career development. They are a strong and growing organization with comprehensive operational support.”

While the transition to BrokerLink will take place over the coming months, customers of John Shea Insurance will continue to work with their same trusted broker and their policy and coverage will remain unchanged. John Shea has joined BrokerLink and will lend his local expertise and resources during the transition process.

“We are very pleased to welcome John Shea and his team to BrokerLink,” said Paul Meyer, Head of Ontario Region at BrokerLink. “The employees are customer-focused and place an emphasis on local service and community involvement. Furthermore, their long-standing presence in Ottawa compliments our commitment to growth in the region. We look forward to continuing their tradition of providing excellent service as we offer insurance solutions to our new customers.”

**About John Shea Insurance Brokers Ltd.**

For over 40 years, John Shea Insurance Brokers Ltd. has been providing personal, commercial and life insurance to Ottawa. The brokerage operates from three locations – John Shea Insurance Brokers in Ottawa, Manotick Insurance Brokers Ltd. in Manotick and Linda Young Insurance Brokers Inc. in Nepean.

**About BrokerLink**

Established in 1991, the BrokerLink companies, which include Canada Brokerlink Inc., Canada Brokerlink (Ontario) Inc. and Canada Brokerlink Financial Inc., together constitute one of the largest Canadian property and casualty insurance brokerage operations with 89 offices supported by more than 950 employees across Alberta, Ontario and Atlantic Canada. The BrokerLink companies are subsidiaries of Intact Financial Corporation (TSX: IFC).