

2016 Outstanding Contribution Award: Robert S. Crosbie, Crosbie Group Ltd.

Rob Crosbie has been Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Crosbie Group Limited since 1991. Crosbie Group has business interests spanning multiple sectors which directly contribute to the vibrancy of the provincial economy. Crosbie Group businesses are active in the province's industrial, real estate, and construction sectors and employ more than 350 people. The company's growth under Rob's leadership has been largely underpinned by strategic investments in our province's offshore oil and gas industry.

Rob made the strategic decision in 1991 to forge Crosbie Group's future in the emerging offshore oil and gas industry forming Crosbie Salamis Limited. He made a commitment to invest considerable resources to establish joint ventures with ASCO plc and Salamis Limited, both North Sea-based businesses and leaders in their respective areas of expertise. This strategy facilitated skills and technology transfer from the mature North Sea oil and gas industry and enabled Crosbie Group through both joint ventures to credibly pursue the growing oilfield logistics and fabric maintenance sectors in this province.

In addition to Rob's considerable business success, he has also been an active private and public sector adviser and director, a community leader, and has an outstanding record of charity and volunteerism. Most recently, Rob served for eight years as Chairman of the Board of Marine Atlantic. Rob's quiet style of leadership has played a key role in securing significant fleet and service enhancements which have directly benefitted all residents of the province and all active industries, including our offshore oil and gas industry. Rob is currently Chairman of the Dean's Advisory Board for the Faculty of Business Administration, and in this capacity he plays a lead role in helping the business school better prepare students to pursue oil and gas careers.

Rob Crosbie's exceptional track record of entrepreneurial spirit, business achievement, community volunteerism, innovation and advocacy has served the Newfoundland and Labrador oil and gas industry exceptionally well. He has been an inspiring leader who has helped guide our industry's growth throughout his 36-plus year career.