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Husky Energy Inc.



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Husky Energy Supports the University of Calgary With a Five-Year, \$8 Million Commitment

Calgary, Alberta – Husky Energy Inc. is pleased to announce it will contribute \$8 million in financial and corporate support to the University of Calgary's Chair in Bituminous Materials over the next five years.

Husky Energy will set up an endowment fund of \$3 million for the University of Calgary to support asphalt research and learning conducted by the Chair. The Company will also renew work commitments in 2005 to the research team and provide other ongoing corporate support at a cost of \$5 million over the next five years. A portion of the Company's support may qualify for matching grants from the federal government's Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC).

Husky Energy's support to the Chair from 1995 to 2004 is valued at \$11.8 million, including \$8 million from Husky and an additional \$3.8 million in matching grants contributed by NSERC. By 2010, the Chair will have received more than \$20 million from Husky and government grants.

"Husky Energy is a strong supporter of post-secondary education and research in Canada. Our commitment celebrates the 100th anniversary of our province in 2005," said Mr. John C.S. Lau, President and Chief Executive Officer of Husky. "On behalf of Husky, I am very pleased to continue our decade long

support of the Chair in Bituminous Materials. Husky's support for education and research for the better use of natural resources will help prepare Canadians for a brighter future."

Mr. Lau stated that he was particularly excited about the University of Calgary's asphalt research, which utilizes discarded tires and demonstrates how the business programs have achieved environmental benefits and cost savings for the government. The research has shown that when asphalt is mixed with rubber tire crumb additives, it lasts longer and requires less repair work. The Alberta government will spend more than \$2 billion over the next three years on highway construction, rehabilitation and maintenance. The development of better materials with improved engineering properties will be critical to saving millions of dollars each year.

"The relationship between Husky Energy and the University of Calgary is an excellent example of collaboration in our post-secondary learning system," said Alberta Minister of Learning Dr. Lyle Oberg. "Thanks to Husky Energy's generous contribution and ongoing support, I am confident that this partnership will continue to produce innovative and leading-edge research."

Dr. Harvey Weingarten, University of Calgary President and Vice Chancellor, stated, "The Husky Chair in Bituminous Materials will help the University of Calgary maintain its position as a world leader in energy research. Husky's generous support does more than simply fuel world-class research – it means our students will have an opportunity to learn from the very best."

The Chair, which is held by Dr. Ludo Zanzotto, is a focal point for research, product development and materials testing for the asphalt industry in Canada. Dr. Zanzotto has been working with professors, visiting scientists and engineers, graduate students and researchers. By the end of 2004, two doctorates and six masters degrees will have been awarded.

Husky is an industry leader in asphalt production. The Company has a refinery in Lloydminster, Alberta which processes heavy crude oil into asphalt and other products. The Company had its fourth consecutive year of record asphalt sales in 2003, producing more than 750,000 cubic metres, which could pave 15,000 kilometres of two-lane highway. Husky's support for the Chair has helped it obtain three new patents, and other patent applications are pending approval.

Husky Energy is a Canadian-based, integrated energy and energy-related company headquartered in Calgary, Alberta. Husky Energy is a publicly-traded company listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol HSE.

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