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## **Husky Energy Gift Supports Biodiversity Research at University of Ottawa**

Ottawa, Ontario – Husky Energy Inc. is pleased to announce that it is giving \$500,000 to the University of Ottawa's "Campaign for Canada's university." The gift, which will support biodiversity research at the university, was announced by Mr. John C.S. Lau, Husky's President and Chief Executive Officer, at a ceremony in Ottawa.

Husky's gift will help the University of Ottawa develop an open classroom in a courtyard setting for students studying biodiversity within a boreal ecosystem. The mixed forest and wetland setting will include coniferous and deciduous trees, shrubs, perennial plants and other groundcovers. The courtyard will allow students to study the growth of plants and their associated fauna under various light and temperature conditions. Due to its central location on campus, the courtyard will also be a unique setting for small and medium-sized formal and informal gatherings.

In recognition of Husky's support, the University of Ottawa has named the project the Husky Energy Courtyard.

"The Husky Energy Courtyard will help students learn more about ecosystems, the environment and the biodiversity of Canada's boreal forest," said Mr. Lau. "Husky places a high priority on investing in education, and the research to be conducted in the Husky Energy Courtyard will benefit all Canadians."

"As 'Canada's university,' Husky's generous gift is doubly welcome," said University of Ottawa Rector Gilles Patry. "Not only for its generosity, but also because it will allow us to create a model boreal forest -- an ecosystem that is quintessentially Canadian. We are truly grateful for this impressive gift."

The Husky Energy Courtyard will help students learn more about how the boreal forest's natural ecosystems evolve, respond to man-made pressures such as pollution, and how biodiversity of an ecosystem varies over time. Boreal forests cover 53 percent of Canada's land mass, stretching in a broad green belt from Newfoundland to the Yukon. Canada's boreal region represents 25 percent of the world's remaining large intact forests. It provides habitat for more than 30 percent of North America's bird population. It also moderates our climate, produces oxygen and purifies our water.

The courtyard is being developed as part of the renovations to the Gendron Hall biology complex on the University of Ottawa campus. The project is expected to be completed by August 2005.

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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