



Husky Energy Inc.

# News

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## **Husky Energy Acquires Additional Oil Sands Lease at Saleski**

**Calgary, Alberta** – Mr. John C.S. Lau, President & Chief Executive Officer of Husky Energy Inc., announced today that the Company has acquired a 14,560 acre oil sands lease adjacent to its Saleski property. The land, which was purchased at the July 12, 2006 land sale for approximately \$6.6 million, could add approximately 1.34 billion barrels of bitumen in place to its existing holdings.

The lease acquired will increase Husky's total land holdings in Saleski from 178,560 acres to 193,120 acres and increase bitumen in place estimates for Saleski from 19.48 billion barrels to 20.82 billion barrels.

"We are pleased with this consolidation as the Company is preparing a feasibility development plan for the area," said Mr. Lau. "Including the Saleski oil sands leases, we estimate that the Company's oil sands leases contain over 37.6 billion barrels of original bitumen in place."

The potential resource in the Saleski lease is located in the Grosmont and Nisku carbonate formation and has on average 250 metres of overburden over the lease. During the 1970's and 1980's, Husky had carried out several pilot projects producing bitumen from carbonates.

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