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NEWS RELEASE
MURRAY SMITH, FORMER MINISTER OF ENERGY, JOINS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Calgary, Alberta, August 11, 2005 – **TUSK Energy Corporation ("TUSK")** is pleased to announce that Murray D. Smith, formerly the Minister of Energy for the Province of Alberta, was elected to the board of directors effective August 10, 2005.

Mr. Smith was appointed in January, 2005 as the official representative of the Province of Alberta in the United States of America. He leads the newly established Alberta office located in the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C. Prior to his diplomatic posting, Mr. Smith served for twelve years as a Member of the Legislative Assembly in the Province of Alberta and served as a cabinet minister in four different portfolios – Energy, Gaming, Labour and Economic Development.

As Minister of Energy from 2001 to 2004, Murray was responsible for gaining international recognition of Alberta's 176 million barrels of established oil reserves. During his tenure, annual oil and gas royalty revenues paid to the Province of Alberta rose to over \$9 billion. Murray was also responsible for Alberta's electricity sector, guiding the \$5 billion market move to competitive wholesale generation. Before his election in 1993, Murray was an independent businessman and owned a number of Alberta-based energy and retail companies.

Murray will also serve as a member of the Audit & Reserves Committee of TUSK. The other directors of TUSK are: Earl Hickok, James Lawson, Ian Brown and Norman Holton. Messrs. Hickok and Lawson are also members of the Audit & Reserves Committee and Mr. Lawson is its chairman. Mr. Brown is President & CEO of TUSK and Mr. Holton is Chairman of TUSK.

TUSK is an exploration company focused on exploration for and development of natural gas and oil reserves in the northwest part of the Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin, primarily in the Peace River Arch and Mega/Venus areas of northwest Alberta.

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