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NEWS RELEASE
MURRAY SMITH, LEAVES TUSK BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Calgary, Alberta, August 22, 2005 – TUSK Energy Corporation ("TUSK") announces that Murray D. Smith, formerly the Minister of Energy for the Province of Alberta, who was elected to the board of directors effective August 10, 2005 has resigned as a director effective August 19, 2005.

Mr. Smith advised - "Further clarification of my employment contract with the Provincial government makes it impossible for me to be a contributing member of the Board at TUSK Energy Corporation at this time. I thank the shareholders, management and directors for the opportunity and I wish TUSK all the best in the future."

TUSK expects to name a replacement to fill the vacancy on the board by the end of September.

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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