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## Husky Energy and Tsuu T'ina First Nation Sign Agreement

**Calgary, Alberta** – The recent signing of a Cooperation Protocol Agreement solidifies the strong relationship between Husky and Tsuu T'ina First Nation. The Agreement will assist enduring mutual benefits to accrue to both organizations, creating economic, cultural and educational opportunities.

Husky President & Chief Executive Officer, Mr. John C.S. Lau and Tsuu T'ina Chief Sandford Big Plume signed the Agreement at the Nation's annual pow wow on July 25. Mr. Lau stated, "This agreement signifies the ongoing bond between the Tsuu T'ina Nation and Husky Energy. In particular, it demonstrates respect for the historical and contemporary significance of the land of the Tsuu T'ina nation."

Chief Big Plume said he looked forward to a long-term, mutually beneficial relationship with Husky. "This agreement is premised on respect by both Husky and the Nation for Tsuu T'ina traditional territory," he said.

As part of the cooperation protocol, Mr. Lau announced that Husky would support the Nation's environmental and cultural interests by contributing \$25,000 toward the ongoing traditional land use study of the Moose Mountain area.

At the same event, Mr. Lau was honoured by the Nation in a traditional headdress transfer ceremony presided over by Tsuu T'ina Elder Bruce Starlight. Mr. Lau was given the honorary name Black Bull.

Tsuu T'ina First Nation's lands cover 185 square kilometres adjacent to Calgary's west boundary and the community's population is approximately 1,800. Tsuu T'ina's extensive traditional lands include the Alberta Foothills where Husky has operations.