

Imperial Oil Announces \$4.0 Million Gift to Glenbow Museum

Calgary, AB (February 9, 2006) — Imperial Oil announced today a \$4.0 million donation to Glenbow Museum. The contribution consists of Imperial Oil's extensive corporate archives, a \$1.2 million endowment for the ongoing care, maintenance and access of the archival material, and a \$500,000 gift towards Glenbow's new permanent *Mavericks* gallery on the history of southern Alberta scheduled to open in February 2007. The \$1.7 million portion of the total donation is the largest corporate cash gift Glenbow has received since its inception in 1966.

"In February 1947, Glenbow Museum's founder Eric Harvie came into his fortune when Imperial Oil discovered oil in Leduc, AB – on the land to which Mr. Harvie held the mineral rights to – and marking a new era in Western Canada's great oil development," says Michael P. Robinson, Glenbow's president and chief executive officer. "It's very apt that nearly 60 years later, Glenbow welcomes Imperial Oil's important archival materials and their significant financial contribution to help us continue to share the stories of southern Alberta's history."

"We are pleased and honoured to make this contribution to the Glenbow Museum, a cornerstone of Calgary's cultural, educational, and historical community," noted Tim J. Hearn, Imperial Oil chairman, president and chief executive officer. "By donating our corporate archives we want to highlight the importance energy has played, and will continue to play, in the building of Canada and Alberta -- the new home of our company's headquarters."

The Archives, collected over the company's 126 year history, consists of approximately 2,000 feet of textual records, photographs, films, corporate advertising, corporate documents and publications spanning the entire history of the company from the 1880s to the present day. These materials track the development of Imperial Oil which has been a leading member of the petroleum industry for more than a century and is today one of Canada's largest corporations.

Glenbow's Archives is Canada's largest non-governmental archives supporting each year more than 40,000 research queries from researchers, academics, historians, students, writers and the media.

Glenbow Museum is one of Canada's largest and most entrepreneurial museums. Through a variety of dynamic exhibitions and programs and a broad collection of artifacts, art, and historical documents, Glenbow Museum builds on a commitment to preserve western heritage while simultaneously providing visitors with a glimpse of the world beyond.

Imperial Oil has been a proud part of Canada for 126 years, contributing to communities from coast to coast since its inception in 1880. That tradition of giving continues today and in 2005, Imperial contributed over \$12.0 million to 500 organizations across Canada with an emphasis on youth, education and important community services.

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