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Attention Business Editors:

True Energy Completes 4.1 Million Private Placement

CALGARY, May 14 /CNW/ - True Energy Inc. ("True" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that it has completed its previously announced private placement of 4.1 million common shares at a price of \$0.74 per common share. The offering was led by FirstEnergy Capital Corp. and included Peters & Co. Limited, as agents, and was fully subscribed, resulting in gross proceeds of \$3,034,000. Proceeds from the issue will initially be used to reduce indebtedness and allow the Company to accelerate its 2002 capital program.

The Company will immediately commence the drilling program that will include three gas prospects and one horizontal development oil well. Two of the gas wells will target production to maximize capacity at the Company's gas facilities in Saskatchewan, while the third gas well will be in West Central Alberta. The horizontal developmental well at Kerrobert Saskatchewan will be a follow-up to the successful well the Company drilled in the first quarter of 2002. The initial well is currently producing at 180 bbls/d. All of the wells will be operated by the Company.

After giving effect to the offering, current debt, net of working capital, will be \$8.3 million and current production is 1,880 BOE/d (6:1).

True is a Calgary based oil and natural gas exploration and development company. After giving effect to the offering, True has 32,885,102 common shares issued and outstanding. True's shares trade on The Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol of TUI.

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