



## **News Release**

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### **New Owner, New Management for Colville, Inc.**

**Prudhoe Bay, Alaska** - On March 31, 2006, Mark H. Helmericks acquired 100% ownership of the Colville group of companies.

Colville companies include Colville, Inc., a bulk and retail fuel supplier, Brooks Range Supply, the major industrial hardware supply store on the Slope, Colville Solid Waste Services, a certificated utility for recycling and waste management and the Prudhoe Bay General Store and Post Office.

Mark, President of Colville from 1982 - 2002, is returning after a three-year stint working in Washington, D.C. "I am delighted to be back in Alaska," Mark said, adding that he is looking forward to working in Prudhoe again in addition to lending support for projects of statewide interest like the gas line and efforts to open ANWR.

Because Mark grew up on a homestead near the Village of Nuiqsut, he lends a home-grown perspective to debates concerning the petroleum industry's value to regional residents. Mark is Alaska's first native-born Rhodes Scholar and he holds a BS in Geology from Harvard and an MS in Economics from Oxford.

Other familiar faces returning include Vice President Doug Clinton, a 32-year Alaskan and retired Air Force Colonel, who returns to Colville following recent work as a Senior Program Manager for an Alaska Native Corporation in Washington, DC.

In addition to his career as a military pilot and Wing Commander of the Air National Guard aerial refueling wing at Eielson AFB, Doug has worked in Prudhoe as Colville's Health, Safety, and Environmental Manager. In 2002, Doug led Colville and Brooks Range Supply to meet BP's challenging Environmental Management System (EMS) certification requirements.

Joining Mark and Doug are former General Manager Rick Hofreiter and managers Lyle Winter, Gary Cooper, Rhonda Kutzner, Mike Kunkel, and Rob Peterson.