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### **Tate: Appointment of Elisabeth Murdoch to Board of Trustees**

The Prime Minister has appointed **Elisabeth Murdoch** as a Tate Trustee. Her term of appointment will be four years from 18 August 2008.

Ms Murdoch is Chair and Chief Executive of The Shine Group, an independent media company which she founded in 2001 to produce and distribute film and television programmes. Educated primarily in the United States, her early career was with American television broadcasting companies. Ms Murdoch then joined BSkyB, where she helped to launch Sky Digital, remaining with the broadcaster as Managing Director until 2000 when she decided to concentrate on an independent media venture.

### **Background**

1. Tate's mission, laid down by the 1992 Museums and Galleries Act, is to increase public knowledge, understanding and appreciation of art. Its responsibilities are safeguarding and enhancing its assets which are the collections, expertise in the collections and subject area, and the buildings. Tate seeks to spread the benefits of those assets by maximising access and developing value for visitors, satisfying stakeholders and through effective organisation and sound financial management. Tate Trustees are not remunerated.
2. The appointment process has followed the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for political activity (if any declared) to be made public. Ms Murdoch has declared no political activity in the last five years.