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## News Release

### **Pacifica Resources Updates Selwyn Project Activities**

**Vancouver, BC, April 6, 2006** – Pacifica Resources Ltd. (PAX.TSX-V) is pleased to update shareholders regarding progress on project planning for the Selwyn Project, Yukon upon the successful closing of the recent \$20,086,010 financing (see news release March 30, 2006) that fully funds 2006 exploration activities.

#### **2006 Selwyn Project**

Management has approved a minimum exploration budget of \$8,000,000 for 2006 for the Selwyn Project in the Howard's Pass District, Yukon. The ambitious program includes 25,000 metres of diamond drilling, geological mapping and prospecting, geochemical surveys, continuing metallurgical analysis and dense media separation testing (DMS), and commencement of baseline environmental and engineering studies.

A second 40-person camp is being established near the XY deposit to support the definition drilling of the open pit resources at XY deposit, as well as the Brodel and Don Zones. The existing 40-person Anniv camp established in 2005 will serve as a base of operations for definition drilling of the Anniv deposits, as well as a hub for regional exploration activities.

Pacifica has contracted 8 diamond drills from three drilling companies in order to successfully complete the 25,000 metres of diamond drilling. Drilling will commence in mid-May with the two diamond drills that are currently on site from last year's program. Approximately four of the drills will focus on the detailed fill in drilling and expansion of the 43-101 compliant resources that are the basis of open pit modeling (see February 9, 2006 news release for details). The Indicated mineral resources for the Howard's Pass deposits total 33.5 million tonnes grading 5.52% zinc and 2.10% lead, and the Inferred mineral resources total 112.9 million tonnes grading 5.40% zinc and 2.14% lead. In addition to the Indicated and Inferred resources, a mineral potential was calculated which contains 220.0 to 230.0 million tonnes within the various zones estimated between 4.0-5.0% zinc and 1.0-2.0% lead. The mineral potential represents the down dip and strike extension of the defined zones.

The other four drills will undertake initial wide spaced stratigraphic drilling to define the extent of mineralization and to prioritize areas for definition drilling. In particular, the wide spaced drilling will seek extensions to higher grade mineralization in the XY deposit, that has yielded intersections such as 10.66 metres grading 19.96% zinc and 16.06% lead, and target other higher grade sections that could provide significant project opportunities that could be mineable by underground methods.

Pacifica has recently hired Mr. Keith Patterson as Senior Geologist responsible for all of the stratigraphic exploration drilling on the Selwyn Project. Prior to joining Pacifica, Mr. Patterson was Exploration Manager for IMA Exploration Inc. heading up work on the Navidad Project in Argentina. Mr. Patterson will focus on the drilling of the large parts of the basin that have yet to be tested. In the February 28, 2006 news release, it was stated that the previously defined resource areas represent less than 15% of the known extent of the Active Member. The Active Member has been shown to be ubiquitously mineralized over more than 35 kilometres of strike

length. This work will lead to development of a district scale understanding of the distribution and grade of mineralization in the basin and ore controls. In support of this work, Pacifica is in discussions with several research groups to undertake detailed studies of the deposits and their characteristics. This research activity is expected to get underway this summer and is focused to provide useful metal zoning and sedimentological models that can be used in our exploration and definition of resources.

## **Infrastructure**

In early March 2006, Pacifica received a Land Use permit from the Yukon Government to mobilize two D7 caterpillar tractors and other equipment along a winter trail from the Robert Campbell Highway to the Selwyn Project. With the cooperation of the Ross River Kaska Dena and Yukon Government's Land Use Inspectors, Pacifica's field crews and the heavy-equipment had completed 144 kilometers of winter road and reached the Quartz Mining claims as of March 30, 2006. The heavy-equipment will be used in the rehabilitation of existing trail and road infrastructure in the Howard's Pass District, as well as construction of new access to the newly discovered Don and Brodel Zones. Field crews are currently working to clear snow to prepare two staging areas, one at the Anniv deposit and one at the XY deposit. These staging areas will receive additional equipment, supplies, and bulk fuel that will be mobilized shortly by a large, contract helicopter. The upgrading of project facilities and infrastructure will significantly improve project efficiencies.

Pacifica is fully permitted for all exploration activities in the Yukon in 2006 with permitting ongoing for the NWT. A permit application for use of an existing access road from the Cantung Mine, NWT to the Selwyn Project, Yukon has been recently grandfathered by the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB). The permit that will be issued by the MVLWB in either late May or early June, and will allow Pacifica to rehabilitate and use the access road for logistical support of the Selwyn Project; which upon full restoration, will also add increased efficiency and reduce logistical costs.

Mr. Jason Dunning (PGeo), the Qualified Person pursuant to National Instrument 43-101, has reviewed and approved the contents of this press release.

Pacifica's main focus is the exploration of its properties in the Howard's Pass District, Yukon that are part of the Selwyn Project; which hosts large tonnages of zinc-lead mineralization. The known deposits have the potential for large scale production of zinc and lead, at a time when World zinc mine supply is in deficit and there are few new mines under development.

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