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News Release

Pacifica Resources Provides Exploration Update on the Selwyn Project

Vancouver, BC, February 28, 2006, – Pacifica Resources Ltd. (PAX.TSX-V) expects to receive shortly its permits for a winter road for transport of two caterpillar tractors and other equipment to the Selwyn Project, Yukon. In anticipation of this work, it has commenced preparation of the winter road route with the assistance and traditional knowledge of the Ross River Dena Council and its members.

Transport of this equipment to the site is the first step in advancing preparation for the proposed minimum \$8 million exploration program that is planned to get underway in mid May to test the Howard's Pass deposits. On February 27, 2006, Pacifica announced a \$10 million financing to support this activity.

The proposed 2006 program consists of drilling with approximately eight diamond drills and commencement of environmental baseline and other basic engineering studies. The drilling program will be divided equally between definition drilling, to upgrade the Inferred and Potential resources, and exploration to define the full potential of the Howard's Pass District. This work is the beginning of a five-year program to advance the project to bankable feasibility study that is estimated to cost approximately \$50 million.

Initially the definition drilling is targeted at defining approximately 400 million tonnes of near surface reserves to support the proposed development plan. This target will be realized by upgrading of existing resources and confirmation and upgrading of conceptual mineral potential. Initial evaluation of the Selwyn Project has been directed at evaluation of open pit mining of the shallow mineralization at a rate of 40,000 tonnes per day, and processing the run-of-mine material through a crusher and dense media separation (DMS) plant (see February 13, 2006 news release) prior to milling. The targeted 400 million tonnes would support about 25 years of mining and milling. The DMS plant is expected to reject approximately one-half of the run-of-mine material resulting in processing the upgraded material at a rate of 20,000 tonne per day in the mill, to produce zinc and lead concentrates. The gravity process rejects waste and low grade material and provides an effective pre-concentration step prior to milling. Assuming an initial run-of-mine head grade of 5.2% zinc and 2.0% lead, recoveries of 90% through the DMS plant, and 85% in flotation circuit, these mining and milling rates would result in production of approximately 580,000 tonnes of contained zinc and 220,000 tonnes of contained lead in concentrates annually. At this output the proposed mine would rival the production rate of the World's largest zinc-lead mine. **The Company cautions that a feasibility study has not been completed, accordingly there is no certainty that these objectives will be met, nor that the proposed operations will be economically viable.**

The exploration drilling will begin with stratigraphic drilling to test the grade and thickness of mineralization in the Active Member over the entire basin. Drilling during the 2005 program demonstrated potential continuity of zinc-lead mineralization over more than 30 kilometres in the basin, as all drill holes that have intersected the Active Member hosted significant

mineralization. The current Indicated resource of 33.5 million tonnes grading 5.52% zinc and 2.10% lead, 112.9 million tonnes of Inferred resources grading 5.4% zinc and 2.14% lead and the Potential resources of 220 to 230 million tonnes grading from 4 to 5% zinc and 1 to 2% lead (see February 9, 2006 news release) represent less than 15% of the interpreted distribution of the Active Member. There is therefore a very large undefined or conceptual potential within the basin that is several times greater than what has been defined by historic drilling. Initial stratigraphic drilling is designed to provide a guide to the distribution of thickness and grade within this large area and define areas for more detailed drilling.

The systematic approach to the stratigraphic drilling should allow preliminary modeling of the basin and perhaps define new core areas of higher grade. The scope of drilling is being broadened, compared to historical drilling, to evaluate deeper parts of the basin. This broadening of search reflects improved confidence of good ground conditions in the favourable rocks that are conducive to low cost bulk mining in an underground environment. The positive outlook for ground conditions opens up the entire basin for exploration compared to the historic focus on areas of shallow mineralization. DMS testwork has also demonstrated the effective pre-concentration that occurs with higher grade mineralization, as would be targeted by underground mining.

Large exploration and definition drilling programs are expected to continue for several years in parallel with feasibility study and permitting activities. Dr. Harlan D. Meade, PGeo. is the Qualified Person responsible for the preparation of this release.

Pacifica is a junior resource company focused on exploration for base metals in the Americas. Its core focus is the exploration and development of the Selwyn Project that 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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