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News Release

Pacifica Resources Mobilizes Three Diamond Drills for Howard's Pass District Program

Vancouver, BC, July 20, 2005 – Pacifica Resources Ltd. (PAX.TSX-V) is pleased to announce that the drilling has commenced on the Selwyn Project that encompasses the very large Howard's Pass zinc-lead deposit and Pacifica's other claim holdings. In aggregate, Pacifica's 205 square kilometers of claims cover most of the World Class Howard's Pass District (see May 6, 2005 news release)

Two of the three diamond drills contracted for the first phase of drilling in the Howard's Pass District are now onsite, with the third drill arriving next week. The program consists of 7500 meters of diamond drilling in approximately 35 holes. Drilling with the first drill has commenced and the other drills will begin drilling in the next few days.

A total of 36,359 metres of diamond drilling has been completed in 218 drill on the Howard's Pass property, with most of these holes in the Aniv and XY zones surrounded by a few wide spread drill stratigraphic drill holes. The large gaps between drill holes provide a multitude of targets for more detailed drilling to define specific location of the favourable strata and thickness and grade of mineralization.

Initial drilling will focus on stratigraphic targets thought to hold extensions of known mineralization. The stratigraphic targets include large areas of favorable geology, such as fault offset areas and fold repeats of the favourable strata that either have not previously been drilled, or where drill hole spacing is far apart. There has been little or no previous drilling of the favourable strata on Pacifica's original HP and NOD claims, and the recently staked Selwyn claims. These claims are known to hold the favourable strata.

The program is designed to test areas with potential for shallow mineralization amenable for open-pit mining. The goal for this years drilling is to undertake definition drilling on approximately 100 million tonnes of inferred resources that are at a shallow depth, and stratigraphic drilling to define areas where next years drilling could develop an additional 300 million tonnes of shallow mineralization.

The Howard's Pass District exploration program is being reviewed by Qualified Person Mr. Jason Dunning, M.Sc., P.Geo., under the meaning of National Instrument 43-101. The onsite Qualified Person for the Selwyn Project is John J. O'Donnell, P.Geo., under the meaning of National Instrument 43-101.

The initial \$3.5 million program consists of drilling and additional metallurgical testing. This work is intended to provide a base for beginning exploration and development strategy. Pacifica is a junior resource company focused on exploration for base metals in the Americas.

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