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## **News Release**

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

**Vancouver, BC, July 7, 2005** – Pacifica Resources Ltd. (PAX.TSX-V) is pleased to announce that diamond drills, camp equipment, and field crews have commenced mobilization to the Yukon for the Selwyn Project, which includes Howard's Pass, one of the World's largest undeveloped zinc-lead deposits (see news release May 6, 2005).

Construction of a large exploration camp located at the Anniv deposit commenced on July 4, 2005, with transport of drills and other supplies in progress. The airstrip near the Anniv zone will provide logistical support for all exploration activities. The camp will serve as the base of operations for the first phase of drilling in the Howard's Pass District that is part of a \$3,500,000 exploration budget.

Three diamond drills have been contracted for the first phase of drilling in the Howard's Pass District, which will total 7,500 meters. Drilling activities will explore three different priority areas for Pacifica. The first priority area will be the previously undrilled large sections of favourable geology, including both fault and fold repeats of the mineralized horizon. These regions contain shallow mineralization near the areas of open-pit potential around the known deposit areas. The second priority area is the wide-spaced geological and geochemical targets known to occur on the wholly-owned HP, NOD and recently staked Selwyn claims (see news release May 6, 2005). The third priority is fill-in drilling of sulphide mineralization around the Anniv and XY deposits. This drilling will help to better define 100 million tonnes of shallow mineralization amenable for open pit mining which would form the basis of economic evaluation to commence this winter.

Most of the mineralized shale strata of the Road River Formation has been identified and defined over the course of exploration activities since 1972, and occurs along a 40 to 50 kilometre strike length. Pacifica either directly owns or has a right to acquire a 100% interest in these areas. Folding and faulting has disrupted the original geometry of the basin and distribution of mineralization. This summer's stratigraphic drilling is designed to examine the distribution of mineralization on a district scale to better define the global resource potential of the mineralization, and to identify areas for more focused drilling. This drilling will provide Pacifica with an opportunity to increase the tonnage potential of the Howard's Pass District, and identify new centres of high grade mineralization. Previous drilling demonstrated that higher grade resources exist in the core of the XY deposit, where a resource of 15.4 million tonnes grading 17% combined zinc-lead mineralization was defined by surface and underground diamond drilling.

Preliminary dense media separation testwork undertaken in 2004 at SGS Lakefield facilities indicated that gravity separation could provide a very effective method of upgrading zinc-lead mineralization at Howard's Pass. Early testwork indicated post-processing grades of more than 20% combined zinc and lead for crushed lower grade mineralization. The collection of additional bulk samples of low to high grade sulphide mineralization from ore piles from previous underground test mining will commence in mid-July. Previous test mining, completed between

1979 and 1981 will provide abundant material for continuation of this testwork. Gravity processing has been proven to be an effective pre-concentration method in both the zinc mining industry (Sullivan, Nanisivik, and Peryla) and in the coal-cleaning industry. The application of dense media separation technology at Howard's Pass is viewed as a major project enhancement opportunity.

Pacifica is also pleased to announce that it has received an amended Mining Land Use Permit from the Yukon Government's Department of Energy Mines and Resources. This amended permit will provide the regulatory framework for all exploration activities in the Yukon portion of the Howard's Pass District.

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.

Pacifica is a junior resource company focused on exploration for base metals in the Americas. The Company shares management with its major shareholder, Yukon Zinc Corporation, which is developing the Wolverine zinc-lead-copper-silver-gold deposit in south central Yukon.

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