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News Release

Pacifica Resources Names Exploration Manager

Vancouver, BC, May 24, 2005 – Pacifica Resources Ltd. (PAX.TSX-V) is pleased to announce that Mr. John J. O'Donnell has been appointed Manager, Exploration and will be based in the Company's Vancouver office, reporting to Pacifica's Vice President of Exploration, Jason Dunning. Mr. O'Donnell will be responsible for exploration and management of all of Pacifica's activities within North America, in particular the Selwyn Project that includes the Howard's Pass zinc-lead deposits and the ongoing evaluation and acquisition of various properties throughout the America's.

Mr. O'Donnell is a graduate of Brandon University (B.Sc. Geology, 1987). He is a member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Manitoba and Saskatchewan and O'Donnell brings 18 years of mining and exploration experience to Pacifica. Mr. O'Donnell has a strong background in base metal deposits such as volcanogenic massive sulphide, as well as other types of deposits. Prior to joining Pacifica, he was the Senior Mine Geologist for the 777 mine at Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting (which he held for 8 years). He joined Hudson Bay in 1991 and has worked at various base metal mines within the Flin Flon Mining Camp. He was part of the geological team that discovered the 777 mine in 1993 and has stayed with the project from discovery to production. Prior to Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting, 4 years were spent with Granges Exploration exploring for base and precious metals in Central Canada.

Mr. O'Donnell's appointment will be effective July 1, 2005 and it is expected that he will work closely with Senior Management in achieving the Company's goals. Mr. O'Donnell has been granted an incentive stock option to purchase 250,000 common shares of the Company.

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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