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News Release

Pacifica Resources Acquires New Claims Around Howard's Pass Zinc-Lead Yukon Properties

Vancouver, BC, May 17, 2005 – Pacifica Resources Ltd. (PAX.TSX-V) is pleased to announce that it has added to its land holdings for the Selwyn Project that includes the Howard's Pass zinc-lead deposits. Recent staking by field crews has acquired 415 new mineral claims in the Yukon and 24 mineral claims in the Northwest Territories. These new claims cover favorable strata with potential for hosting sedimentary exhalative (SEDEX) mineralization similar to the Howard's Pass zinc-lead properties. The new mineral claims, when combined with Pacifica's previous 143 NOD and HP mineral claims and the 420 mineral claims and 2 leases acquired from the Howard's Pass Joint Venture (see Press Release May 2, 2005), gives Pacifica control over 205 square kilometers. The claims cover all of the 49 kilometre known strike length of the favorable strata.

The Howard's Pass SEDEX zinc-lead properties are comprised of three deposits that include the XY and Anniv, and OP deposits. Sulphide mineralization that has been outlined to date includes a pre-National Instrument 43-101 indicated resource of 115.4 million metric tonnes grading 5.41 per cent zinc and 2.10 per cent lead in the XY and Anniv zones and a pre-National Instrument 43-101 inferred resource of 367 million tonnes grading 5.12 per cent zinc and 1.90 per cent lead within the Anniv and XY zones (see Press Release May 6, 2005). These resources are not National Instrument 43-101 compliant and should be considered mineral resources until a NI 43-101 compliant resource estimate can be prepared.

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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