

FYRE LAKE Cu-Au-Co MASSIVE SULPHIDE DEPOSIT RETURNED TO PACIFIC RIDGE

Vancouver, B.C. – July 19, 2016 – Pacific Ridge Exploration Ltd. (TSX Venture: PEX) ("Pacific Ridge" or the "Company") reports that MinQuest Limited ("MinQuest") has notified the Company that it is terminating its option agreement on the Fyre Lake project, effective immediately. MinQuest has announced that it will be acquiring a medical technology company and, as a result, is divesting its mining assets. The Company will now be examining other ways to move the Fyre Lake project forward, including other option or joint venture possibilities.

About Fyre Lake

The Company's 100 percent owned **Fyre Lake** copper-gold-cobalt massive sulphide project in the Yukon's Finlayson Lake District has seen in excess of \$6 million in historical expenditures by the Company. The property is located 25 km south of BMC Minerals' Kudz Ze Kayah deposit, currently the subject of a prefeasibility study, and 30 km southwest of Yukon Zinc's Wolverine Mine. The Fyre Lake Kona Deposit has been defined by 115 holes totaling over 23,200 metres of diamond drilling. A NI 43-101 compliant mineral resource estimate of the Kona Deposit reported in 2006 includes an indicated mineral resource of 3.571 million tonnes grading 1.57% copper, 0.10% cobalt and 0.61 grams of gold per tonne at a 1% copper cut-off grade. In addition, an inferred mineral resource, at the same cut-off grade, includes 5.361 million tonnes grading 1.48% copper, 0.08% cobalt and 0.53 grams of gold per tonne. These estimates were prepared by D. Blanchflower, P.Geol., of Minorex Consulting Ltd., who is the qualified person for this purpose.

The Company's 2016 field season plans include surface exploration programs on its Mariposa and Eureka Dome properties, located in the Yukon's Klondike-White Gold District. In addition, we continue to evaluate new acquisition opportunities.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

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