

PACIFIC RIDGE ANNOUNCES PROPOSED FLOW-THROUGH PRIVATE PLACEMENT

Vancouver, B.C. – October 13, 2016 – Pacific Ridge Exploration Ltd. (TSX Venture: PEX) ("Pacific Ridge" or the "Company") announces that it is proposing to issue up to 3,750,000 units in a flow-through private placement at a price of \$0.08 per unit ("FT Unit") for gross proceeds of \$300,000. Each FT Unit consists of one flow-through common share and one half share purchase warrant, with each whole warrant exercisable to purchase one additional non-flow-through common share at an exercise price of \$0.14 for a period of 18 months, subject to the following acceleration provision: if at any time after 4 months from the date of issue of the warrants the closing market price of the Company's common shares on the TSX Venture Exchange is greater than \$0.25 per share for 20 consecutive trading days (the "Triggering Event"), the Company may, within 5 days of the Triggering Event, accelerate the expiry date of the warrants by giving notice thereof to the holders of the warrants, by way of press release, in which event the warrants will expire on the 30th day after the date on which such notice is given.

Proceeds from the private placement will be used for carrying out a drill program on the Company's newly acquired TL Zinc project, located east of Vernon, in southern British Columbia. The target at TL is a large Broken Hill type or SEDEX (Sedimentary Exhalative) Zn-Pb-Ag massive sulfide deposit (see the Company's August 11, 2016 News Release for details).

The Company is proposing to pay finder's fees of 6% cash and 6% finder's warrants on a portion of the private placement. The private placement and payment of finder's fees are subject to regulatory approval.

The technical information contained within this News Release has been reviewed and approved by Gerald G. Carlson, Ph.D., P.Eng., President and CEO of Pacific Ridge and a Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 policy.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

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