

## **PACIFIC RIDGE ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF GEOLOGIST**

**Vancouver, B.C. – June 14, 2022** - Pacific Ridge Exploration Ltd. (PEX: TSX Venture; PEXZF: OTCQB) ("Pacific Ridge" or the "Company") is pleased to announce the appointment of C. Paul Jago as Chief Geologist of the Company.

Mr. Jago has nearly 20 years' experience in mining and mineral exploration in Canada and the U.S. with a focus on porphyry systems. Most recently, Paul worked for Centerra Gold Inc. ("Centerra") as Exploration Manager, Generative - North America. Prior to Centerra, Mr. Jago was a Regional Geologist with B.C.'s Ministry of Energy and Mines with responsibility for the northcentral and northeast regions. Paul has also worked for Freeport McMoRan (exploration geologist at the Sierrita and Bagdad copper-molybdenum mines in Arizona), Teck Resources (exploration geologist at the Lorraine alkalic porphyry copper-gold deposit), and Placer Dome (graduate studies geologist at the Mount Milligan alkalic porphyry copper-gold deposit).

Mr. Jago is a Professional Geoscientist registered with Engineers and Geoscientists B.C. Paul received his Bachelor of Science degree (Geology/Geomorphology/GIS) from the University of Toronto. While completing his Master of Science degree at UBC (Geological Sciences), he worked as a research scientist at UBC's Mineral Deposit Research Unit (MDRU).

"We are very pleased to welcome Paul to our team," said Dr. Gerry Carlson, Executive Chair of Pacific Ridge. "In addition to his strong academic and professional background in porphyry deposit geology and exploration, he has spent much of his career exploring and studying the porphyry copper-gold deposits of northcentral B.C. Paul's knowledge and experience will help us to achieve our goal of becoming B.C.'s leading copper-gold exploration company."

Mr. Jago will work closely with Danette Schwab, Pacific Ridge's V.P. Exploration, supporting the upcoming drill programs at the Kliyul copper-gold project and the RDP copper-gold project. In addition, Paul will lead the Company's regional exploration programs at the Chuchi copper-gold project, the Onjo copper-gold project, and the Redton copper-gold project. Pacific Ridge will also draw upon Mr. Jago's extensive knowledge to identify new project acquisitions.

### **About Pacific Ridge**

Our goal is to become British Columbia's leading copper-gold exploration company. Pacific Ridge's flagship project is the Kliyul copper-gold project, located in the Quesnel Trough, approximately 50 km southeast of Centerra Gold Inc's Kemess mine. In addition to Kliyul, the Company's project portfolio includes the RDP copper-gold project (optioned to Antofagasta Minerals S.A.), the Chuchi copper-gold project, the Onjo copper-gold project, and the Redton copper-gold project, all located in British Columbia.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

*"Blaine Monaghan"*

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