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PACIFIC RIDGE GRANTS INCENTIVE STOCK OPTIONS

Vancouver, B.C. - **January 12, 2018** - Pacific Ridge Exploration Ltd. (TSX Venture: PEX) ("Pacific Ridge" or the "Company") has granted incentive stock options under its 10% rolling stock option plan to certain directors and officers of the Company to purchase a total of 200,000 common shares at \$0.06 per share exercisable for a period of five years.

About Pacific Ridge

Pacific Ridge has assembled a portfolio of highly-prospective gold and base metal projects located in the Yukon, where its board and management team have a track record of success. Its holdings include the Mariposa, Eureka Dome and Gold Cap gold exploration projects in the Klondike-White Gold District, RC Gold in the Tintina Gold Belt and Fyre Lake in the Finlayson District.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

"Gerald G. Carlson"

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