

PACIFIC RIDGE TO INCREASE SIZE OF DRILL PROGRAM AT THE KLIYUL COPPER-GOLD PROJECT

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Vancouver, B.C. – September 2, 2022 - Pacific Ridge Exploration Ltd. (PEX: TSX Venture; PEXZF: OTCQB) ("**Pacific Ridge**" or the "**Company**") is pleased to announce its plans to increase the size of the diamond drill program currently underway at the Kliyul copper-gold project ("Kliyul"), located in northcentral B.C., from 6,000 m to 6,800 m. The Company will fund the additional drilling through the issuance of up to 2,391,305 units in a non-brokered private placement at a price of \$0.23 per unit ("**Unit**") for gross proceeds of up to \$550,000 (the "**Financing**"). Crescat Capital LLC ("**Crescat**") intends to acquire all of the Units.

"Right now, we have the capacity to increase the size of the drill program currently underway at Kliyul," said Blaine Monaghan, President & CEO of Pacific Ridge. "With a relatively short exploration season, it is critically important to drill as many metres as possible before the onset of winter conditions. I would like to thank Crescat, our largest shareholder, for providing us with the funds necessary to maximize our 2022 exploration season."

Proceeds from this Financing will be used for additional drilling at Kliyul and for general working capital.

Each Unit will be comprised of one common share of the Company and one-half of one common share purchase warrant, with each whole warrant exercisable to purchase one additional common share at an exercise price of \$0.35 for a period of 2 years. The Financing is subject to TSX Venture Exchange acceptance.

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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 prolific 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,

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

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