Pacific Ridge Exploration Ltd.: Consolidation and Proposed Private Placement

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VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA -- (Marketwired - April 29, 2013) - <u>Pacific Ridge Exploration Ltd.</u> (TSX VENTURE:PEX) ("Pacific Ridge" or the "Company") reports that, further to its news release of April 16, 2013, the Company has proceeded with the 5:1 consolidation of its issued common shares without a change of name. Effective at the opening of the market on April 30, 2013, the Company's shares will trade on a consolidated basis under the symbol "PEX" (with new CUSIP number 694798307). Letters of Transmittal will be forthcoming.

Pacific Ridge also announces that it is proposing to sell by way of non-brokered private placements up to 7,000,000 flow-through shares to Canadian resident investors, each flow-through share priced at \$0.07 to raise gross proceeds of \$490,000, and up to 5,000,000 units (the "Units") at a price of \$0.05 per Unit to raise gross proceeds of \$250,000. Each Unit is comprised of one non-flow-through common share and one-half of a transferable share purchase warrant, with each whole warrant (a "Warrant") entitling the holder to purchase one additional non-flow-through common share at a price of \$0.10 per share for 24 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 \$0.15 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 21st day after the date on which such notice is given.

Pacific Ridge will use the gross proceeds from the sale of the flow-through shares for Canadian Exploration Expenses ("CEE"), within the meaning of the Income Tax Act (Canada), with the Company using its best efforts to ensure that such CEE qualify as a "flow-through mining expenditure" for purposes of the Income Tax Act (Canada), related to the exploration of the Company's mineral exploration projects located in Yukon, Canada. The Company expects to renounce such Canadian Exploration Expenses with an effective date of December 31, 2013. Pacific Ridge will use the gross proceeds from the sale of the Units for general working capital purposes.

In connection with the private placements, the Company is proposing to pay finders' fees in cash (6%) or shares equal in number to 6% of the number of flow-through shares and Units purchased by investors that may be introduced to the Company by finders. The private placements and payment of finders' fees are subject to regulatory approval.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

John S. Brock President & CEO Pacific Ridge Exploration Ltd.

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