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# PACIFIC RIDGE ANNOUNCES PARTICIPATION IN RED CLOUD'S 2022 VERY PRE-PDAC MINING SHOWCASE; ACQUIRES ADDITIONAL ONJO CLAIMS

**Vancouver, B.C. – February 28, 2022 -** Pacific Ridge Exploration Ltd. (PEX: TSX Venture; PEXZF: OTCQB) ("Pacific Ridge" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that it will be presenting at Red Cloud's 2022 Very Pre-PDAC Mining Showcase.

What: Red Cloud's 2022 Very Pre-PDAC Mining Showcase, March 2-4, 2022.

When: Pacific Ridge's presentation is on March 3rd at 1:00 pm Eastern Standard time.

Who: Blaine Monaghan, President & CEO, will be presenting.

Where: For more information and/or to register, please visit: https://www.redcloudfs.com/prepdac2022/

## **Onjo Claims**

Pacific Ridge has acquired a 100% interest in four internal claims at the recently acquired Onjo copper-gold porphyry project ("Onjo" or the "Project"), located in north central British Columbia (see Figure 1), by paying \$25,000 cash and issuing 250,000 common shares to the vendor. With the acquisition of these claims, Pacific Ridge now owns 100% of the claims within the Project boundary.

### **About Onjo**

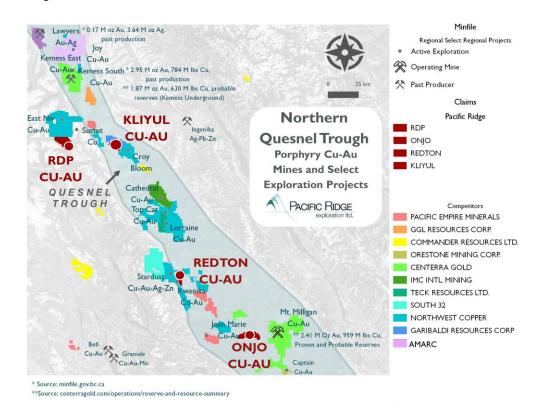
Accessible via a network of forestry roads, Onjo is over 9,800 hectares in size and is located 15 km west of Centerra Gold Inc.'s Mount Milligan Mine, an alkalic porphyry copper-gold system. The Project hosts skarn and alkalic porphyry copper-gold mineralization associated with monzonitic phases of the Witch Lake intrusions cutting Takla volcanic rocks, similar to the mineralization and host rocks at the Mount Milligan Mine. The style of copper-gold mineralization returned in historical drilling, combined with the presence of nearby skarn occurrences, leads Pacific Ridge to believe that past operators at Onjo encountered the upper levels of an alkalic porphyry system. Based on the above exploration hypothesis, the Company postulates that the Project has the potential to host an alkalic porphyry copper-gold deposit at depth.

#### Pacific Ridge's 2022 Exploration Plans

Pacific Ridge plans to drill a minimum of 5,000 m at its flagship Kliyul copper-gold project ("Kliyul"). All three drill holes completed during the Company's 2021 exploration program at Kliyul returned significant copper-gold mineralization. Drill hole KLI-21-036 returned 437 metres of 0.61 per cent copper equivalent (CuEq¹) or 0.96 grams per tonne ("g/t") gold equivalent (AuEq²), including 291.70 m of 0.75 per cent CuEq¹ or 1.18 g/t AuEq² (see the news release dated February 15, 2022). In addition, Antofagasta Minerals S.A. has committed to spending a minimum of \$1.0M on exploration at the Company's RDP copper-gold project this year (see news release dated February 8, 2022). Lastly, Pacific Ridge also plans to launch an exploration program at Onjo in 2022 with the objective of defining future drill targets.

Figure 1

The Quesnel Trough, north central British Columbia



# **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 Onjo copper-gold project, and the Redton copper-gold project, all located in British Columbia. Pacific Ridge will continue to search for projects that offer discovery opportunity in our regions of expertise.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

"Blaine Monaghan"

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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.

 $^{1}$ CuEq = ((Cu%) x \$Cu x 22.0462) + (Au(g/t) x \$Au x 0.032151)) / (\$Cu x 22.0462)  $^{2}$ AuEq = ((Cu%) x \$Cu x 22.0462) + (Au(g/t) x \$Au x 0.032151)) / (\$Au x 0.032151)

Commodity prices: \$Cu = US\$4.00/lb and \$Au = US\$1,750/oz.

Factors: 22.0462 = Cu% to lbs per tonne, and 0.032151 = Au g/t to troy oz per tonne.

Recovery is assumed to be 100% - there has been no metallurgical testing on Kliyul mineralization

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