

# Pacific Ridge Acquires Onjo Copper-Gold Porphyry Project

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Vancouver, February 3, 2022 - [Pacific Ridge Exploration Ltd.](#) (TSXV: PEX) (OTCQB: PEXZF) ("Pacific Ridge" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that it has acquired a 100% interest in the Onjo copper-gold porphyry project ("Onjo" or the "Project"), located in the prolific Quesnel Trough, north central British Columbia (see Figure 1), from Orogen Royalties Inc.

Accessible via a network of forestry roads, Onjo is over 9,700 hectares in size and is located 10 km west of Centerra Gold Inc.'s Mount Milligan Mine, an alkalic porphyry copper-gold system (see Figure 2). 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 plans to launch an exploration program later this year with the objective of defining future drill targets.

"The style of mineralization, the accessibility, and the proximity to one of B.C.'s largest copper-gold mines make Onjo a compelling exploration project," said Blaine Monaghan, President & CEO of Pacific Ridge. "However, when you combine the above with a new exploration hypothesis, that past operators encountered the upper levels of an alkalic porphyry system, Onjo's exploration potential is doubly compelling. With the acquisition of Onjo, Pacific Ridge now has four copper-gold projects in its project portfolio, including the Company's flagship Kliyul copper-gold project, and is quickly establishing itself as one of B.C.'s leading copper-gold exploration companies."

Figure 1  
The Quesnel Trough, north central British Columbia

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Figure 2  
Location of Onjo

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## Acquisition terms

Pacific Ridge is acquiring a 100% interest in Onjo property, subject to a 2% NSR, by paying CAD\$50,000 cash and issuing 750,000 common shares of Pacific Ridge to Orogen Royalties Inc., with the option to purchase one quarter of the NSR, or 0.5%, at any time for US\$1.5M. The agreement is subject to regulatory approval.

## About Pacific Ridge

Our goal is to become one of the leading copper-gold exploration companies in British Columbia. 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, 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.

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