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**NEWS RELEASE**

**PACIFIC ENERGY RESOURCES LTD. ANNOUNCES INCREASED PRIVATE  
PLACEMENT FINANCING TO CAD\$100 MILLION**

**Long Beach, California, August 20, 2007 – Pacific Energy Resources Ltd. (TSX: PFE)** (the “Corporation”) announces that further to its press release dated June 21, 2007, the Corporation has increased its private placement from CAD\$50 million to up to CAD\$100 million, the funds of which will be used in part to finance the acquisition (the “Acquisition”) of certain oil and gas properties and operations owned by Forest Oil Corporation (“Forest”) and/or its subsidiaries (please refer to the Corporation’s press releases of May 29, 2007 and August 1, 2007).

The private placement proceeds will be used to fund part of the costs associated with the Acquisition, to fund exploration and development activities for the Corporation’s offshore and onshore properties and for general working capital and business purposes.

The increase in this private placement will result in up to 40,000,000 shares being issued to investors under the private placement, together with up to 1,000,000 shares being issued pursuant to the exercise of compensation options that will be issued to the agents and/or finders on closing of the private placement. When combined with the shares to be issued to Forest under the terms of the acquisition (10,000,000 shares) and the shares to be issued to the lead lenders under the related senior credit facility (between 4,750,000 and 7,500,000 shares), the number of possible shares to be issued under this transaction totals greater than 25% of the Corporation’s currently issued and outstanding shares. Accordingly, the TSX requires that the Corporation obtain approval from stockholders holding a majority of the issued shares of the Corporation. While this approval would normally require a stockholder’s meeting to obtain stockholder approval, the Corporation is availing itself of the exemption in 604(d) of the TSX Company Manual to allow it to obtain the written consent of stockholders holding a majority of the shares of the Corporation. The Corporation is in the process of collecting executed consent forms from stockholders in order to obtain the requisite approval to the above share issuances.

The above transactions are subject to final regulatory approval. All securities issued with respect to the above transactions will be subject to resale restrictions as required under applicable U.S. and Canadian securities laws.

The securities proposed to be offered in the private placement have not been registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements. The Corporation intends to enter into a registration rights agreement obligating the Corporation to use its reasonable best efforts to file, obtain and maintain effectiveness of a resale registration statement with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

**This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of the securities in any state or other jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful.**

*About Pacific Energy Resources Ltd.*

The Corporation is an oil and gas exploration and development company based in Long Beach, California, U.S.A. Additional information relating to the Corporation may be found on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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