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Pacific Empire Announces \$4.5 Million Private Placement Financing with \$2.7 Million in Lead Orders

April 17, 2026 - Vancouver, BC, Canada - Pacific Empire Minerals Corp. (TSXV: PEMC) (“Pacific Empire”, “PEMC” or the “Company”), a British Columbia copper-gold explorer, announces that it intends to issue, pursuant to a non-brokered private placement, up to 46,153,846 Flow-Through shares of the Company (“FT Shares”) at a price of C\$0.065 per FT Share for gross proceeds of up to \$3,000,000 and up to 25,000,000 common shares of the Company (“Shares”) at a price of C\$0.06 per Share for gross proceeds of up to \$1,500,000 for aggregate gross proceeds of up to \$4,500,000 (collectively, the “Offering”).

The Company is pleased to report that it has secured significant lead orders totaling \$2,700,000 from resource-focused institutional investors and high net worth investors.

Proceeds from the Offering will be used to fund the Company’s 2026 drill campaign on its flagship Trident and adjacent Pinnacle copper-gold-silver porphyry projects, and for general working capital.

Closing of the Offering is subject to all necessary approvals, including the approval of the TSX Venture Exchange.

Brad Peters, the Company’s President and Chief Executive Officer, commented, *“Securing \$2.7 million in lead orders at this stage reflects growing confidence from experienced resource investors in the scale and potential of the Trident–Pinnacle system. With multiple high-priority targets remaining untested, we believe 2026 will be a pivotal year for Pacific Empire.”*

About Pacific Empire

Pacific Empire is a copper exploration company based in Vancouver, British Columbia and trades on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol PEMC. The Company has a district scale land position in north-central British Columbia totaling 22,541 hectares.

British Columbia is a “Green” copper jurisdiction with abundant hydroelectric power, access and infrastructure in close proximity to the end market.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD,

“Brad Peters”

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