



NEWS RELEASE

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Exeter Closes Estelar and La Cabeza Acquisitions in Argentina

VANCOUVER – Exeter Resource Corporation (XRC:TSX) (“Exeter” or the “Company”) is pleased to announce that it has completed the acquisition of Estelar Limited (“Estelar”), a British Virgin Island company that owns the mineral rights to four projects covering approximately 385 sq km in central western Argentina. These projects have potential for the discovery of epithermal gold deposits and porphyry gold-copper systems. Exploration will commence on the properties immediately.

The consideration paid by the Company for Estelar consisted of the issuance of 1,000,000 shares to Yale Simpson (as to 713,000 shares) and Sofisco Nominees (as to 287,000 shares). These shares are subject to a four-month hold period expiring November 23, 2003. The Estelar properties carry a 2% royalty payable to Argentina Mineral Development S.A. (AMD) from future production.

Separately, the Company has completed the acquisition, from Rowen Company Limited (“Rowen”), of Hong Kong, of an option (the “Cognito Option”) to acquire the remaining 50% interest (the Company had previously acquired an initial 50% interest) in Cognito Limited, a British Virgin Island company that holds an agreement to acquire the La Cabeza project, in Argentina. The consideration paid by the Company consisted of a \$25,000 cash payment to Rowen and the issuance of 400,000 common shares to each of Bryce Roxburgh and John Haggman, the principals of Rowen. These shares are subject to a hold period expiring November 23, 2003.

La Cabeza is a partially-explored, epithermal, low-sulphidation gold deposit with a currently defined inferred resource of 720,000 ounces of gold at a 0.2 g/t gold cut-off. This resource has been defined by 16,000 metres of diamond and percussion drilling. Exploration is underway on the property to define potential extensions to the known mineralisation by way of mapping, prospecting and geochemical sampling ahead of drilling.

In order to exercise the Cognito Option, the Company must incur US\$3,000,000 in exploration expenditures at La Cabeza by March 06, 2007, of which a minimum of US\$1,500,000 must be spent by March 06, 2006. In addition, on completion of these expenditures, the Company must make a further payment to Messrs. Roxburgh and Haggman, consisting of either, at the Company’s option, US\$2.5 million cash or the issuance of 2.5 million shares. This payment is subject to acceptance by the TSX Venture Exchange.

You are invited to visit the Exeter web site at www.exeterresource.com.

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