



NEWS RELEASE

EXETER CLOSES \$4,000,000 PRIVATE PLACEMENT

Trading Symbol: XRC.V

January 12, 2004

Exeter Resource Corporation (the "Company") is pleased to announce that it has closed a non-brokered private placement of 4,000,000 units, at a price of \$1.00 per unit, for gross proceeds of \$4,000,000.

Each unit comprises one common share and one-half of a share purchase warrant. Each whole share purchase warrant will entitle the holder to purchase one additional common share at a price of \$1.35 per share for a period of one year. In addition, the share purchase warrants will become void 30 days after the closing market price of the Company's shares reaches or exceeds \$1.75 for a period of 10 consecutive trading days, provided any applicable hold period has expired by that date.

Finders fees comprising \$221,290 and finders' warrants to purchase a total of 367,700 common shares (on the same terms as the unit warrants) have been paid by the Company in relation to this financing.

The proceeds of this private placement will be used to further the exploration and development of the Company's properties in Argentina and for working capital.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

Yale Simpson

Director

For further information:

Exeter Resource Corporation

Douglas Scheving

Tel: 1 604 684 7619

The TSX Venture Exchange does not accept responsibility for the adequacy or accuracy of this release.