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## **EXETER COMPLETES EXERCISE OF LA CABEZA OPTION**

**Vancouver, B.C., July 15, 2005 – Exeter Resource Corporation (TSX-V: XRC, Frankfurt: EXB)** announces that it has completed the acquisition of all of the shares of Cognito Limited (“Cognito”). Cognito holds the right to acquire 100% of the La Cabeza gold project in Argentina by making cash payments, totaling US\$480,000 over the next 10 years, to the original Argentinean owners of the property.

Yale Simpson, Exeter’s Chairman, commented: “We are very happy with the development of La Cabeza, to date. Since Exeter acquired the option on the project in 2003, our exploration work has confirmed our initial sense that the project had the potential to host a mine. And, we are confident that our recently-announced, intensive, resource expansion drilling will continue to expand the project’s gold resources.”

To complete the purchase of Cognito, Exeter has now issued 2.5 million shares to Rowen Company Limited (“Rowen”), in accordance with the terms of option agreements announced on March 6, 2003 and June 9, 2003. The shares are subject to a hold period expiring November 13, 2005.

Rowen is controlled by Bryce Roxburgh. Following the signing of the original option agreements, Mr. Roxburgh became the President and CEO of Exeter. He has abstained from discussions and voting on all matters relating to this transaction.

La Cabeza is subject to a 3.5% net smelter returns royalty to the original owners of the property, which Exeter may acquire at any time upon payments totaling US\$1 million.

### **About Exeter**

Exeter is a technically-advanced Canadian exploration company, focused on the discovery of epithermal gold/silver and porphyry copper/gold projects in Argentina and Chile. Exploration for new gold zones under extensive soil cover, and drill testing of new exploration targets has recently commenced at La Cabeza. This exploration is expected to expand the existing resources. Engineering, metallurgical, hydrological, environmental and economic evaluation work is continuing.

In the prospective Patagonia region of Argentina, Exeter has a strategic partnership with Cerro Vanguardia S.A, an AngloGold Ashanti subsidiary. The agreement provides Exeter with an option over 25 epithermal gold-silver properties. Exeter recently completed a second stage program on the Cerro Puntudo Project following encouraging results released in February. Results are awaited.

In Patagonian Chile, Exeter has a strategic agreement with Rio Tinto Mining and Exploration Limited over epithermal gold prospects in an 800 square kilometer area. Prospecting of epithermal gold targets is currently underway.

You are invited to visit the Exeter web site at [www.exeterresource.com](http://www.exeterresource.com).

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