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EXETER GRANTS INCENTIVE STOCK OPTIONS

Vancouver, B. C., May 3, 2006 – Exeter Resource Corporation (TSX-V: XRC, Frankfurt: EXB) has granted incentive stock options to officers and employees to purchase 290,000 shares. The options have a term of five years and are exercisable at a price of \$ 2.52 per share.

In order to facilitate the option grants, Exeter has amended its stock option plan to increase the number of shares available for option awards to 5,858,219, being 20% of its outstanding shares. The option grants and the option plan amendment are subject to approval by the TSX Venture Exchange and shareholders.

About Exeter

Exeter is a technically-advanced, Canadian gold exploration company, focused on the discovery of epithermal gold-silver properties in Argentina and Chile. The current three-rig, drilling program at its advanced La Cabeza gold project is a key component of project development activities that include engineering, metallurgical, hydrological, and environmental studies.

In the prospective, Patagonia region of Argentina, Exeter has a strategic partnership with CVSA over 12 epithermal gold-silver properties in Santa Cruz, Rio Negro and Chubut provinces.

In southern Chile, Exeter has a strategic relationship with Rio Tinto Mining and Exploration Limited on gold-silver prospects in the Patagonia region. Exeter is currently prospecting targets under this relationship and initial results will be reported in the coming weeks.

In the Maricunga district of northern Chile, Exeter has a strategic agreement with Anglo American Chile Limitada and Mantos Blancos S.A. on epithermal gold properties.

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

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