



## PACIFIC RODERA ENERGY INC.

### NEWS RELEASE

#### ***PACIFIC RODERA ENERGY ANNOUNCES CLOSING OF MANAGEMENT PRIVATE PLACEMENT***

Calgary, Alberta, May 8, 2008 – Pacific Roder Energy Inc. (TSX Venture: PRD) ("we", "Pacific Roder" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that it has closed its previously announced private placement with Mr. John Nesbitt who recently joined the Company as Vice President, Land. Mr. Nesbitt subscribed for 388,888 common shares and 194,444 share purchase warrants under the terms and conditions as previously announced. The common shares, share purchase warrants (and any common shares acquired upon exercise of the share purchase warrants within 4 months of the closing) are subject to a four-month hold period. The management team continues to own in excess of 25% of the outstanding common shares of the Company which is consistent with management's objective of aligning their own interests with those of the shareholders. The appointment of Mr. Nesbitt remains subject to the approval of the TSX Venture Exchange.

Pacific Roder is a Calgary-based oil and natural gas company engaged in the exploration for and the acquisition, development and production of natural gas and crude oil in western Canada. The Company's common shares trade on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol "PRD".

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