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EXETER ANNOUNCES PRIVATE PLACEMENT

Vancouver, B. C., December 9, 2005 – Exeter Resource Corporation (TSX-V: XRC, Frankfurt: EXB) (the “Company”) announces its intention to undertake, subject to regulatory approval, a non-brokered private placement of up to 5,800,000 units at a price of \$ 1.30 per unit for gross proceeds of up to \$ 7,540,000. Each unit will comprise one common share and one half of a warrant to purchase one additional share at a price of \$ 1.70 per share, for a period of twelve months. A finder’s fee payable in cash or by the issuance of units will be paid on portions of this financing.

The proceeds of this financing will be used to advance the Company’s La Cabeza gold project, for exploration of its other properties in Argentina and Chile and for working capital.

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 Cerro Vanguardia S.A, an AngloGold Ashanti subsidiary. The agreement provides Exeter with an option over 25 epithermal gold-silver properties.

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

In the Maricunga district of northern Chile, Exeter has a strategic agreement with Anglo American Limitada and Mantos Blancos S.A. on 7 epithermal gold properties.

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

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Cautionary Note to U.S. Investors – The United States Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) permits mining companies in their filings with the SEC to disclose only those mineral deposits that a company can economically and legally extract or produce. We use certain terms in this news release, such as “inferred resource”, that the SEC guidelines strictly prohibit us from including in our filing with the SEC. U.S. investors are urged to consider closely the disclosure contained in our

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Form 20-F Registration Statement, File No. 000-51016. You can review and obtain copies of our filings from the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov/edgar.shtml>.

Safe Harbour Statement - This news release may contain certain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements reflect our current belief and are based upon currently available information. Actual results could differ materially from those described in this news release as a result of numerous factors, some of which are outside of the control of Exeter.

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