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NEWS RELEASE

Vancouver, BC – January 9, 2009 PACIFIC IMPERIAL MINES INC. (“The Company”) announces the appointment of Manning Elliott LLP, Chartered Accountants, as new auditors for the Company. The former auditors of the Company, Ernst & Young LLP, have resigned at the request of the Company.

Accordingly, by resolution, the board of directors of the Company approved the proposal to appoint Manning Elliott LLP to fill the vacancy and to succeed Ernst & Young LLP as the auditors of the Company, until the next annual general meeting of shareholders.

In the opinion of the Company, there have been no “reportable events” or reservations in the audit report for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2007 and June 30, 2006 in connection with the engagement of Ernst & Young LLP as auditors of the Company.

The Company is working with its new auditors to complete the financial statements for its year ended June 30, 2008. Upon completion of the audited financial statements, the Company intends to make application for revocation of its outstanding Cease Trade Order.

The Company also announces that the following individuals were appointed to the Company’s board of directors at the annual general meeting held on November 21, 2008: H. Leo King, Roman Shklanka, Geir Liland, Yuansheng Guo, Yufu Luo and Yunhai Chen.

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On behalf of the Board of Directors
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