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NEWS RELEASE

CLOSING OF PRIVATE PLACEMENT FINANCING

February 17, 2006, (Calgary, Alberta) Contact Exploration Inc.(TSX-V:CEX) is pleased to announce the closing of a Private Placement financing of \$4,000,000 (5,000,000 common shares) previously announced on February 3, 2006.

The Private Placement consisted of 387,500 flow through common shares at a price of \$0.80 per share and 4,612,500 Units at a price of \$0.80 per Unit. Each Unit comprises one common share and one half purchase warrant. Each whole purchase warrant entitles the holder to purchase one common share at an exercise price of \$1.20 expiring February 16, 2007.

In connection with the private placement, certain agents were paid a cash commission representing 6% of the aggregate subscription funds arranged through them for a total of \$199,560.

Net proceeds will be used to fund Contact's further exploitation of the Stoney Creek field in New Brunswick and to carry out further exploration activity on its other Canadian East Coast onshore oil and gas properties.

Contact is a junior exploration company with a focus on Canadian East Coast onshore exploration. Contact has interests in approximately 2.3 million acres onshore Nova Scotia. In addition, Contact has interests in approximately 160,000 acres onshore West Newfoundland and 62,000 acres onshore New Brunswick.

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