

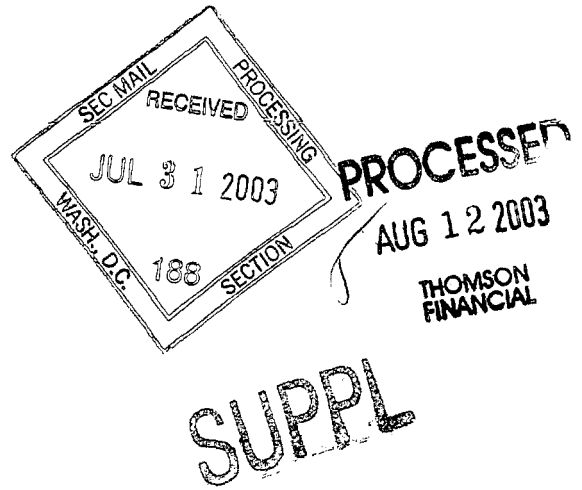
**Ridgeway**  
Petroleum Corp.



**#82 - 1819**

July 22, 2003

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Mail Stop 3-7  
Office of International Corporate Finance  
450 - 5th Street N. W.  
Washington 20549, D.C.  
USA



Dear Sir/Madam:

**RE: RIDGEWAY PETROLEUM CORP. - #82-1819- Formerly Brenwest Mining Limited**

Enclosed for your files are two copies of our July 21, 2003 News Release.

Yours truly,

**RIDGEWAY PETROLEUM CORP.**

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## NEWS RELEASE

### RIDGEWAY PETROLEUM INCREASES PRIVATE PLACEMENT

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CALGARY, July 21, 2003-- Ridgeway Petroleum Corp. (the "Company") has increased the recently announced private placement, which is subject to regulatory approval, from 222,223 units to 325,000 units at a price of \$2.25 per unit for aggregate proceeds of approximately \$ 731,250.00. Each unit comprises one share of the Company and one non-transferable share purchase warrant entitling the holder to purchase one additional share of the Company at a price of \$2.45 per share for two years from the date of the closing of the private placement. No commissions are payable on this placement.

The proceeds of the private placement will be used for lease rental payments on the Company's St. Johns Helium/CO<sub>2</sub> Project in Arizona and New Mexico, development /appraisal drilling and for general working capital.

In addition the company has received Helium analysis from 3 different zones in 3 separate wells approximately confirming earlier corporate testing.

Well #	Helium Content	Zone
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Also, the company and Union Securities Ltd. have agreed to cancel a financing agreement announced in February 2003.

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For more information, please contact Don Currie, toll-free 1-888-990-3551 or visit our Website at [www.ridgewaypetroleum.com](http://www.ridgewaypetroleum.com).

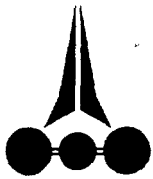
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