# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS

(Expressed in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted)

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Management's Discussion and Analysis supplements, but does not form part of, the unaudited consolidated financial statements of the company and the notes thereto for the fiscal period ended March 31, 2006. Consequently, the following discussion and analysis of the financial condition and results of operations for Corriente Resources Inc. should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements for the periods ended March 31, 2006 and 2005 and related notes therein, which have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles, consistently applied.

Additional information regarding the company, including its Annual Information Form, can be found on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

#### Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements contained in the following Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) and elsewhere constitute forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements involve a number of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance of achievements of the company to materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date the statements were made, and readers are advised to consider such forward-looking statements in light of the risks set forth below.

#### Corporate Governance

Management of the company is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the annual consolidated financial statements and notes thereto, MD&A and other information contained in this annual report. Additionally, it is Management's responsibility to ensure the company complies with the laws and regulations applicable to its activities.

The company's Management is accountable to the Board of Directors (Directors), each member of which is elected annually by the shareholders of the company. The Directors are responsible for reviewing and approving the annual audited consolidated financial statements and the MD&A. Responsibility for the review and approval of the company's quarterly unaudited interim consolidated financial statements and MD&A is delegated by the Directors to the Audit Committee, which is comprised of three directors, all of whom are independent of Management. Additionally, the Audit Committee pre-approves audit and non-audit services provided by the company's auditors.

The auditors are appointed annually by the shareholders to conduct an audit of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. The external auditors have complete access to the Audit Committee to discuss audit, financial reporting and related matters resulting from the annual audit as well as assist the members of the Audit Committee in discharging their corporate governance responsibilities.

The disclosure of Corriente's corporate governance policies is contained in the company's Information Circular prepared for the May 2006 Annual General Meeting and which is available for review at <u>www.sedar.com</u>. The disclosure statement has been prepared by the company's Corporate Governance Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

# Disclosure Controls

Corriente has daily, weekly, monthly and annual processes that, when considered in the aggregate and in conjunction with current internal controls, are considered to be effective disclosure controls. In addition, Corriente has created a Corporate Disclosure Committee, comprised of the Chief Executive Officer, Senior Vice-President, and Chief Financial Officer. This Committee supplements these periodic processes.

Disclosure Controls and Procedures have been developed to ensure that material information relating to Corriente and its subsidiaries is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly within a period in which a disclosure report is being prepared. These involve:

- identification of all continuous disclosure requirements under securities laws, rules and policies applicable to Corriente.
- identification of the individuals responsible for preparing reportable information and individuals, whether internal or external, responsible for reviewing reports or portions of reports to verify disclosure made with respect to their areas of responsibility or expertise.
- establishment of timetables for the preparation and adequate review of reportable information.
- procedures for obtaining "sign-off" on disclosure of reportable information and receipt of written consents from all experts whose reports are included or referred to in any disclosure.
- procedures for the identification and timely reporting to the Committee of information which may constitute material information or which may constitute a material change to previously disclosed material information, including the identification of individuals who are likely to learn first about events outside the control of Corriente that may give rise to material information.
- procedures for the identification and reporting to the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in Corriente's internal controls.
- ensuring the procedures are followed with respect to the release of each disclosure made in writing and for the review of any disclosure made orally.
- ongoing evaluation of Corriente's disclosure controls and procedures.

Corriente and its subsidiaries are relatively small in size and operate in a very integrated management environment. That is, senior management is in constant contact with many of Corriente's staff, suppliers, regulators and the like on an ongoing and detailed basis. This allows one or more of senior management to be in a position where they are more likely to be aware (than not) of material events or information. While senior management may not be aware of all things at all times, it believes that the probability of a material event or material information being missed or not disclosed on a timely basis is very small.

As new Canadian accounting standards are released, the Chief Financial Officer undertakes a review and evaluation to determine if it is applicable. If there is any uncertainty in its applicability, Corriente solicits the input of the external auditor. If the new standard is applicable to Corriente, it is then analyzed and summarized in a manner that effectively documents and evaluates the impact on Corriente, and to determine the immediate action, if any, Corriente would need to undertake in order to comply with the new standard. Quarterly, the documented standards are reviewed, and updated as required, to ensure that a standard is still applicable, and that Corriente remains in compliance.

Through implementation of the above, senior management believes that the company's disclosure controls are sufficient while being practical for a company of its size.

### General

Corriente is a Canadian-based junior resource exploration company engaged in the exploration and development of copper-gold resource properties located primarily in the Corriente Copper Belt in Ecuador. Under various agreements signed with certain subsidiaries of BHP Billiton LLC ("BHP Billiton"), the company has earned a 100% interest in certain of BHP Billiton's resource properties located in the Rio Zamora copper porphyry district (Corriente Copper Belt), in Ecuador. This required the issue of shares to BHP Billiton and the expenditure of exploration funds under the terms of these agreements. Additionally, these concessions are subject to a 2% Net Smelter Royalty ("NSR") payable to BHP Billiton, though the company has the right to reduce the NSR to 1% for the Mirador, Panantza and San Carlos resource properties upon the payment of US\$2 million for each property.

As a result, Corriente controls a 100% interest in over 50,000 hectares located within the Corriente Copper Belt. The Belt extends over a 20 x 80 kilometre area in southeast Ecuador. The Belt currently contains three copper and copper-gold porphyry deposits, Mirador, Panantza and San Carlos. Six additional copper and copper-gold exploration targets have been identified in the Corriente Copper Belt to date.

The company's executive office is located in Vancouver, Canada while its Ecuador operations are run from its subsidiary office located in Quito, Ecuador. With the exception of short-term operational requirements for the subsidiaries, funds have been maintained and controlled in Vancouver, both in Canadian and U.S. dollars. In addition to its core staff, the company engages consultants as necessary, to provide geological, mine development and pre-construction consulting, design and other services. Overhead costs and efficiencies in Ecuador continue to compare favourably with other South American exploration areas.

### Listing on the American Stock Exchange

The company's shares began trading on the American Stock Exchange on Thursday, April 6, 2006. The listing on the American Stock Exchange is expected to provide U.S. investors with much more direct access to the company's copper growth story. As well, it should allow the company to expand its shareholder base in the largest capital market in the world.

### Appointment to the Board of Directors

The company appointed David G. Unruh to its Board of Directors in January 2006. Mr. Unruh is a Director of Westcoast Energy Inc. and Union Gas Limited, both Duke Energy companies. Mr. Unruh is also a director of Catalyst Paper Inc., Ontario Power Generation Inc., Pacific Northern Gas Ltd., Canada Line Rapid Transit Inc., The Wawanesa Mutual Insurance Company, The Wawanesa Life Insurance Company and The Wawanesa General Insurance Company and is a member of the Manitoba Bar Association and the Canadian Bar Association.

Mr. Unruh joined Westcoast Energy Inc. as Senior Vice President, Law and Corporate Secretary in 1993 and continued in that role until March 14, 2002. From March 15, 2002 until his retirement on April 1, 2003, he was Senior Vice President and General Counsel for Duke Energy Gas Transmission's North American operations following which from April 1, 2003 to June 30, 2005 he became a non-executive Vice Chair of both Westcoast Energy Inc. and Union Gas Limited. Prior to his move to British Columbia to join Westcoast Energy, Mr. Unruh practiced business law in Winnipeg, Manitoba most recently as a partner of Aikins, MacAulay & Thorvaldson, Barristers and Solicitors.

### Amendment to Stock Option Plan

During the period ended March 31, 2006, the company granted options to purchase 25,000 shares to a new director and 400,000 to senior management. These options have a five-year expiry from date of grant. As the latter grant exceeds the option room available under the company's Stock Option Plan (Option Plan), they are subject to shareholder approval in accordance with the policies of the Toronto Stock Exchange. The company is seeking approval at its May 25, 2006 Annual General Meeting to amend the Option Plan to increase the number of shares that may be reserved for issue under it from 6,524,830 to a rolling maximum of 10% of the number of common shares actually outstanding immediately prior to the grant of any particular option.

### Mirador Project

Corriente is moving towards construction of a starter operation at its Mirador copper-gold operation. Mirador is one of the few new, sizeable copper projects available for near-term production.

### Environmental Impact Assessment

Corriente announced on May 4, 2006 that the Mirador copper project Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) met all the legal requirements of the Ecuadorian Ministry of Energy and Mining (MEM) and approval was granted on the EIA.

The Sub-Secretary of the MEM, Mr. Carlos Muirriagi, was quoted as stating "Ecuador is extremely pleased about the EIA approval and our commitment is to help mining companies like Corriente that are making it possible in the near future for Ecuador to become a metal mining country".

The EIA covered both the environmental aspects of proposed mining operations in Mirador and community and social plans associated with the same project. During the lengthy preparation of the EIA, the company worked closely with the MEM to ensure that the report met all required government guidelines and regulations. The Mirador EIA is one of the most comprehensive documents on social and environmental issues ever submitted to the Mines Ministry in Ecuador. The submission of the EIA and subsequent approval followed an extensive consultation process with local communities, that was carried out in late November and early December 2005.

### Engineering and Procurement

In March 2006, the company's wholly owned subsidiary, Ecuacorriente S.A. signed a Letter of Award with SNC-Lavalin Chile S.A., a member of the SNC-Lavalin Group of Companies of Canada, for full Engineering and Procurement Services for the start-up and expansion of the Mirador mine. SNC-Lavalin Chile's experienced engineering group has extensive mine design and construction experience in South America, while overall, SNC-Lavalin is one of the leading groups of engineering and construction companies in the world.

### Power

In March 2006, the company announced that it signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) with Hidroabanico S.A. to supply the 28.5 MW power needs of proposed mining operations at the Mirador coppergold project. The terms outlined in the LOI propose a 10 year Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with a proposed rate of \$0.05/kWh. The Hidroabanico facility has already been completed to a 15 MW stage and an expansion is under way to the final size of 37.5 MW, with completion slated for December 2006. The Hidroabanico facility is a run-of-river design and provides "green" energy that qualifies for the carbon credit program. The energy will be delivered through a dedicated line to the mine, which will cost in the order of \$US10 Million to construct and will be included in the capital cost estimate for Mirador. As part of the LOI, Hidroabanico will have the first right of opportunity to provide energy needs for the planned 25,000 tpd to 50,000 tpd expansion at Mirador. A due diligence review is presently underway at the site, which will be followed by final negotiation of the PPA.

Since 1999, Ecuador has had a competitive wholesale electrical market operated by Centro Nacional de Control de Energía (CENACE). The country's energy needs are currently supplied by a combination of hydro and thermal suppliers, but most new energy sources in Ecuador are hydro (such as the 230 MW San Francisco Project currently under construction south of Quito). As part of the government plan to grow energy supplies in Ecuador, a total of 146 new hydro projects over 1 MW have been identified which will provide potential new capacity of over 20,000 MW to the Ecuador energy market.

As a PPA with Hidroabanico will meet the energy needs at Mirador, Corriente is planning no further development work at the Sabanilla run-of-river project. Options for moving the Sabanilla project forward with local operators as a spot power producer are under review.

# Exploration

Exploration efforts continued during the first quarter with a significant drilling program at Mirador Norte, which is located only 3 km to the northwest of the company's Mirador project. Drilling was completed on 39 holes totaling 6800 metres of core for this phase of exploration work, and the related assay results should be available in the second quarter. An in-house resource estimate for Mirador Norte is expected to be completed in the second half of 2006, which will add to the overall Mirador area resource estimate.

# Financial Results of Operations

All of the financial information referenced below has been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles, applied on a consistent basis.

Financial Data for Last Eight Quarters												
Three months ended		Mar-06	Dec-05	Sep-05	Jun-05	Mar-05	De	ec-04	Se	ep-04	Ju	ın-04
Total revenues (000's)	\$	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0
(Earnings) loss before extraordinary items (000's)	\$	188	\$ 3,272	\$ 1,404	\$ 378	\$ (1,710)	\$ (	(429)	\$	425	\$	343
Net (earnings) loss (000's)	\$	188	\$ 3,272	\$ 1,404	\$ 378	\$ (1,710)	\$ (	(429)	\$	425	\$	343
(Earnings) loss per share	47	6.00	\$ 6 0.07	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.01	\$ (0.04)	\$(	0.01)	\$	0.01	\$	0.01

The company's operations during the period ended March 31, 2006 produced a net loss of \$187,674 or \$0.00 per share compared to net earnings of \$1,709,676 or \$0.04 per share in the first quarter of 2005. As the company has not owned any revenue-producing resource properties, no mining revenues have been recorded to date. The net earnings in the first quarter of 2005 were due to the receipt and sale of marketable securities received on the sale of assets previously written off.

Deferred mineral property development expenditures made on the company's target projects within the Corriente Copper Belt for the period totalled \$2,842,303 versus \$2,323,136 during the same quarter in 2005, reflecting the company's significant activities in furthering development of the Mirador starter mine. These activities included costs incurred towards hiring engineering and construction personnel for the continuing development of the Mirador project infrastructure.

Deferred power project expenditures made by the company pursuant to its JV contributions for development of the Sabanilla Power Project totalled \$Nil in the first quarter of 2006 (2005 – \$475,936). As disclosed above, the company is proceeding towards agreement on a PPA with Hidroabanico, and consequently, has written the costs of Sabanilla down to \$Nil and is exploring its options for Sabanilla.

Administration expenses increased in the first quarter of 2006 to \$457,863 from \$335,064 in 2005. The increase from 2005 is primarily due to an increase in management fees, wages and benefits to 216,195 (2005 - 103,191), regulatory fees to 59,665 (2005 - 34,245), and printing and shareholder information costs increased to 12,474 (2005 - 3,977). The higher administrative costs reflected the addition of mining resource development management and increased directors' fees, increased sustaining fees based on the company's higher market capitalization and increased printing costs. Decreased costs during the quarter included stock-based compensation decreasing from \$67,054 for the first quarter of 2005 to \$52,582 in the same period for 2006. Also, investor relations and promotion costs decreased slightly to \$30,408 from \$38,570.

Stock-compensation expenses were \$52,582 in the first quarter of 2006 versus \$67,054 for the first quarter of 2005, reflecting the fair value of stock options granted during the periods as calculated using the Black-Scholes Option Pricing Model.

Due to the company's higher average cash balance on hand during the first quarter of 2006, interest income increased to \$267,280 from \$71,080 for 2005. General exploration increased to \$19,222 in the first quarter of 2006 from \$109 in the first quarter of 2005.

As the company has not had any revenue-producing resource properties, no mining revenues have been recorded to date. The significant net income generated in the first quarter of 2005 was due to marketable securities sold, which had been received from the sale of the company's Argentine and Bolivian assets written off in prior years. Excluding such proceeds, the company's net losses for the last 8 quarters generally reflect the impact and timing of the recording of stock-compensation expenses attributable to the Black Scholes Option Pricing Model calculation of the fair value of stock options granted within the period, offset by interest income earned from cash on hand.

Financial Data for Last Three Fiscal Years			
Fiscal year ended	Dec 31-05	Dec 31-04	Dec 31-03
Total revenues (000's)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$0
Loss before extraordinary items (000's)	\$ 3,344	\$ 714	\$ 682
Net loss (000's)	\$ 3,344	\$ 714	\$ 682
Basic and diluted loss per share	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.02
Cash and cash equivalents (000's)	\$ 32,441	\$ 12,603	\$ 18,688
Total assets (000's)	\$ 67,100	\$ 40,502	\$ 35,948
Total long-term financial liabilities (000's)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$0
Total shareholders' equity (000's)	\$ 66,124	\$ 39,755	\$ 35,527
Cash dividends declared per share	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

### **Related Party Transactions**

Included in management fees, wages and benefits and in mineral properties and investor relations are expenditures of \$Nil during the first quarter of 2006 (2005 - \$19,863) in respect of administrative services provided by a company affiliated with an employed officer. At March 31, 2006, \$Nil (2005 - \$9,339) was due to this company affiliated with an employed officer.

### Critical Accounting Policies

The details of the company's significant accounting policies are presented in note 2 of the company's audited consolidated financial statements which can be found at <u>www.sedar.com</u>. The following policies are considered by management to be essential to understanding the processes and reasoning that go into the preparation of the company's financial statements and the uncertainties that could have a bearing on its financial results.

### Resource Properties

The Company capitalizes all costs related to investments in mineral property interests on a property-by-property basis. Such costs include mineral property acquisition costs and exploration expenditures, including interest on any required guarantee. Costs are deferred until such time as the extent of mineralization has been determined and mineral property interests are either developed, the property sold or the Company's mineral rights allowed to lapse.

All deferred mineral property expenditures are reviewed, on a property-by-property basis, to consider whether there are any conditions that may indicate impairment. When the carrying value of a property exceeds its net recoverable amount that may be estimated by quantifiable evidence of an economic geological resource or reserve or the Company's assessment of its ability to sell the property for an amount less than the deferred costs, provision is made for the impairment in value and the property is written down to the estimated fair value.

The amounts shown for acquisition costs and deferred exploration expenditures represent costs incurred to date and do not necessarily reflect present or future values. These costs are depleted over the useful lives of the properties upon commencement of commercial production or written off if the properties are abandoned, become impaired or the claims allowed to lapse.

### Stock-based Compensation

Management is required to make significant estimates about future volatility and the period in which stock options will be exercised. The selection of the estimated volatility figure, and the estimate of the period in which an option will be exercised will have a significant impact on the costs recognized for stock based compensation. The estimates concerning volatility are made with reference to historical volatility, which is not necessarily an accurate indicator of volatility which will be experienced in the future. Management assumes that stock options will remain unexercised until near their expiry date because historical experience supports this assumption. However, the exercise of options may occur at times different than those estimated, or options may expire unexercised. For options which vest over future periods, management makes an estimate of the percentage of options which are expected to be forfeited prior to vesting based on historical experience, which may not be an accurate indicator of future results. No adjustment is made for actual experience, except for options which vest at specific dates over time, where management updates its estimate of the number of unexercised options which are expected to vest in the future. Such fair value is estimated using the Black-Scholes Option Pricing Model, the assumptions of which can be found in Note 5 c) of the company's consolidated financial statements for the period ended March 31, 2006.

### Liquidity and Capital Resources

Working capital as at March 31, 2006 was \$29,380,350, compared to \$11,535,662 at March 31, 2005. The increase is primarily due to the completion of a short-form prospectus offering on December 29, 2005 that raised net proceeds of \$27,853,364. The main uses of cash during the first quarter of 2006 were expenditures associated with the development of the planned Mirador mine of \$2,842,303 (2005 – \$2,323,136).

As at March 31, 2006, the company had 54,441,393 (fully diluted – 56,631,393) common shares issued and outstanding versus 45,421,393 (fully diluted – 49,055,141) for 2005. There were no public offerings in the first quarters of 2006 and 2005, though the proceeds from the exercise of 690,000 stock options of \$789,000 (2005 -\$ Nil) contributed positively to the company's working capital. A further 865,000 stock options were exercised subsequent to March 31, 2006, for proceeds to the company of \$1,202,300.

Subsequent to the end of the quarter, on May 8, 2006, the company announced that it entered into an underwriting agreement with a syndicate of underwriters to sell 19,231,000 common shares at a price of \$6.50 per share to raise gross proceeds of \$125,001,500 pursuant to a short form prospectus. This financing is expected to close on or about May 26, 2006.

Historically, the company's capital requirements have been met by equity subscriptions. While the company's current working capital is considered sufficient to meet the company's administrative overhead for the next several years, substantial capital is required to complete the company's mine. Actual funding requirements may vary from those planned due to a number of factors, including the progress of exploration and project development activity and foreign exchange fluctuations.

## **Risk Factors**

Companies operating in the mining industry face many and varied kinds of risks. While risk management cannot eliminate the impact of all potential risks, the company strives to manage such risks to the extent possible and practical. Following are the risk factors which the company's management believes are most important in the context of the company's business. It should be noted that this list is not exhaustive and that other risk factors may apply. An investment in the company may not be suitable for all investors.

### Foreign Country and Political Risk

The resource properties on which the company is actively pursuing its exploration and development activities are all located in Ecuador, South America. As a result, the company is subject to certain risks, including currency fluctuations and possible political or economic instability in Ecuador, which may result in the impairment or loss of mineral concessions or other mineral rights. Also, mineral exploration and mining activities may be affected in varying degrees by political instability and government regulations relating to the mining industry. Any changes in regulations or shifts in political attitudes are beyond the control of the company and may adversely affect its business. Exploration may be affected in varying degrees by government regulations with respect to restrictions on future exploitation and production, price controls, export controls, foreign exchange controls, income taxes, expropriation of property, environmental legislation and mine and/or site safety. While Management believes that the current political climate in Ecuador is stable, there can be no certainty that this will continue going forward. To alleviate such risk, the company funds its Ecuador operations on an asneeded basis and works closely with federal and territorial governments and community groups. The company does not presently maintain political risk insurance for its foreign exploration and development projects.

### Exploration and Mining Risks

The business of exploring for minerals and mining involves a high degree of risk. Due in some cases to factors that cannot be foreseen, only a small proportion of the properties that are explored are ultimately developed into producing mines. At present, only the company's Mirador project property has proven or probable reserves while any planned exploration programs for the company's other properties are an exploratory search for proven or probable reserves. The mining areas presently being assessed by the company may not contain economically recoverable volumes of minerals or metals. The operations of the company may be disrupted by a variety of risks and hazards which are beyond the control of the company, including labour disruptions, the inability to obtain suitable or adequate machinery, equipment or labour and other risks involved in the conduct of exploration programs. Once economically recoverable volumes of minerals are found, substantial expenditures are required to establish reserves through drilling, to develop metallurgical processes, to develop the mining and processing facilities and infrastructure at any site chosen for mining. Although substantial benefits may be derived from the discovery of a major mineralised deposit, no assurance can be given that minerals will be discovered in sufficient quantities or having sufficient grade to justify commercial operations or that funds required for development can be obtained on a timely basis. The economics of developing copper, gold and other mineral properties is affected by many factors including the cost of operations, variations of the grade of ore mined, fluctuations in the price of minerals produced, costs of processing equipment and such other factors as government regulations, including regulations relating to environmental protection. In addition, the grade of mineralization ultimately mined may differ from that indicated by drilling results and such differences could be material. Depending on the price of copper or other minerals produced, which have fluctuated widely in the past, the company may determine that it is impractical to commence or continue commercial production.

## Financing Risks

The company has limited financial resources, has no source of operating cash flow and has no assurance that additional funding will be available to it for further exploration and development of its projects. Further exploration and development of one or more of the company's properties will be dependent upon the company's ability to obtain financing through joint venturing, equity or debt financing or other means, and although the company has been successful in the past in obtaining financing through the sale of equity securities, there can be no assurance that the company will be able to obtain adequate financing in the future or that the terms of such financing will be favourable. Failure to obtain such additional financing could result in delay or indefinite postponement of further exploration and development of its projects.

Limited Experience with Development-Stage Mining Operations

The company has no previous experience in placing resource properties into production and its ability to do so will be dependent upon using the services of appropriately experienced personnel or entering into agreements with other major resource companies that can provide such expertise. There can be no assurance that the company will have available to it the necessary expertise when and if it places its resource properties into production.

### Estimates of Mineral Resources and Production Risks

The Mineral Resource estimates disclosed by the company are estimates only, and no assurance can be given that any proven or probable reserves will be discovered or that any particular level of recovery of minerals will in fact be realized or that an identified reserve or resource will ever qualify as a commercially mineable (or viable) deposit which can be legally and economically exploited. In addition, the grade of mineralization which may ultimately be mined may differ from that indicated by drilling results and such differences could be material. Production can be affected by such factors as permitting regulations and requirements, weather, environmental factors, unforeseen technical difficulties, unusual or unexpected geological formations and work interruptions. Consequently, the company's estimated Mineral Resources should not be interpreted as assurances or evidence of commercial viability or potential or of the profitability of any future operations.

### Base Metals Prices

The principal activity of the company is the exploration and development of copper-gold resource properties. The mineral exploration and development industry in general is intensely competitive and there is no assurance that, even if commercial quantities of proven and probable reserves are discovered, a profitable market may exist for the sale of the same. Factors beyond the control of the company may affect the marketability of any substances discovered. Base metals prices have fluctuated widely, particularly in recent years. The feasible development of such properties is highly dependent upon the price of copper and, to a lesser extent, gold. A sustained and substantial decline in commodity copper prices could result in the write-down, termination of exploration and development work or loss of its interests in identified resource properties.

### Competition

The company competes with many companies that have substantially greater financial and technical resources than the company for the acquisition of mineral properties as well as for the recruitment and retention of qualified employees.

#### Environmental and other Regulatory Requirements

The activities of the company are subject to environmental regulations promulgated by government agencies from time to time. Environmental legislation generally provides for restrictions and prohibitions on spills, releases or emissions of various substances produced in association with certain mining industry operations, such as seepage from tailings disposal areas, which would result in environmental pollution. A breach of such legislation may result in imposition of fines and penalties. In addition, certain types of operations require the submission and approval of environmental impact assessments. Environmental legislation is evolving in a manner which means stricter standards, and enforcement, fines and penalties for non-compliance are more stringent. Environmental assessments of proposed projects carry a heightened degree of responsibility for companies and directors, officers and employees. The cost of compliance with changes in governmental regulations has a potential to reduce the profitability of operations.

Companies engaged in exploration activities generally experience increased costs and delays as a result of the need to comply with applicable laws, regulations and permits. There can be no assurance that all permits which the company may require for exploration and development of its properties will be obtainable on reasonable terms or on a timely basis, or that such laws and regulations would not have an adverse effect on any project that the company may undertake.

The company believes it is in substantial compliance with all material laws and regulations which currently apply to its activities. However, there may be unforeseen environmental liabilities resulting from exploration and/or mining activities and these may be costly to remedy. Failure to comply with applicable laws, regulations, and permitting requirements may result in enforcement actions thereunder, including orders issued by regulatory or judicial authorities causing operations to cease or be curtailed, and may include corrective measures requiring capital expenditures, installation of additional equipment, or remedial actions. Parties engaged in exploration operations may be required to compensate those suffering loss or damage by reason of the exploration activities and may have civil or criminal fines or penalties imposed for violations of applicable laws or regulations and, in particular, environmental laws.

Amendments to current laws, regulations and permits governing operations and activities of exploration companies, or more stringent implementation thereof, could have a material adverse impact on the company and cause increases in expenditures and costs or require abandonment or delays in developing new mining properties.

Corriente's policy is to abide by the regulations and requirements of Ecuador, Canada and the World Bank.

#### Title Matters

Title to and the area of mining concessions may be disputed. Although the company has taken steps to verify the title to mineral properties in which it has an interest in accordance with industry standards for the current stage of exploration of such properties, these procedures do not guarantee the company's title. Property title may be subject to unregistered prior agreements or transfers and title may be affected by undetected defects. Repatriation of Earnings

Currently there are no restrictions on the repatriation from Ecuador of earnings to foreign entities. However, there can be no assurance that restrictions on repatriation of earnings from Ecuador will not be imposed in the future.

### Dependence On Key Personnel

The company's development to date has largely depended on, and in the future will continue to depend on, the efforts of key management. Loss of any of these people could have a material adverse effect on the company and its business. The company has not obtained and does not intend to obtain key-person insurance in respect of any directors or other of its employees.

### Share Price Fluctuations

In recent years, the securities markets have experienced a high level of price and volume volatility, and the market price of securities of many companies, particularly those considered development-stage companies such as the company, have experienced wide fluctuations in price which have not necessarily been related to the underlying asset values or prospects of such companies. Price fluctuations will continue to occur in the future.

#### No Dividends

Investors cannot expect to receive a dividend on their investment in the company in the foreseeable future, if ever. Investors should not expect to receive any return on their investment in the company's securities other than possible capital gains.

### Outlook

The company fully intends to continue with the development and pre-construction work necessary to build and commission an initial 25,000 tonnes/day mine on its Mirador property in the second half of 2008. This starter mine is expected to serve as the base for the phased development of the company's resource properties located in the Corriente Copper Belt in southern Ecuador. Financing for the Mirador project is expected to come from a combination of equity, bank, off-taker and/or supplier financing sources. Discussions are underway with representatives from all such potential sources.

The recent approval of the Mirador project's EIA by the government of Ecuador and the company's recently-announced equity financing are major steps towards the development and commissioning of the Mirador copper project. The company continues to make progress on remaining key components of the Mirador project.

With the completion of the Mirador Norte drilling program, exploration drilling for the remainder of 2006 will be focused on the company's Panantza project. Additional prospecting in and around the Panantza and San Carlos projects will also take place.

Corriente controls a 100% interest in over 50,000 hectares located within the Corriente Copper Belt in Ecuador. This includes three copper and copper-gold porphyry deposits, called Mirador, Panantza and San Carlos. Measured and indicated copper resources at a 0.40% cutoff at Mirador is 438 million tonnes at 0.61%Cu and 0.19g/t Au, while inferred resources at Panantza, San Carlos and Mirador (excluding Mirador Norte) at a 0.40% cutoff are 395 million tonnes at 0.67% Cu and 0.08 g/t Au, 657 million tonnes at 0.61% Cu, and 235 million tonnes at 0.52% Cu and 0.17 g/t Au, respectively.