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**CORRIENTE APPOINTS SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT - MINING**

Corriente Resources Inc. announces the appointment of Mr. Ron S. Simkus as Senior Vice President – Mining, effective immediately. Mr. Simkus joins Corriente to guide the process of completing the feasibility study at the Mirador Copper-Gold Project in southeast Ecuador and to facilitate the construction and operation of a 20,000 tonne per day plant at the site.

Mr. Simkus was most recently the President and CEO of Compania Minera Antamina S.A. in Peru and oversaw the commissioning of the Antamina deposit and the successful transition of the largest copper mining construction project in recent history (approximately \$US 2.2 Billion) from a project to a sustainable mining operation.

Previously, Mr. Simkus spent 8 years at Highland Valley including 3 years as President and General Manager. Highland Valley is one of the largest open pit copper operations in the world. Mr. Simkus commented that “I view Corriente’s Ecuador copper projects as a unique opportunity to build a significant copper producer in an orderly series of steps. This begins with the initial Mirador operation and grows with expansions and additional projects in the district, over a ten to twenty year time frame”.

Corriente’s President and CEO Ken Shannon added “We are very pleased to have Ron join the company as Senior Vice President - Mining. He brings to Corriente 28 years of experience in base metal ore processing technology, as well as a senior management track record of success with complex mining projects that involved significant environmental and community issues”.

Corriente controls a 100% interest in over 70,000 hectares located within the Corriente Copper Belt. The Belt extends over a 40 x 80 kilometre area in southeast Ecuador. The Belt currently contains three copper and copper-gold porphyry deposits with inferred resources of 560 Million tonnes of 0.81% copper with separate gold and molybdenum credits (Mirador, Panantza and San Carlos). Six additional copper and copper-gold exploration targets have been identified in the Corriente Copper Belt to date.

*“Kenneth R. Shannon”*

Kenneth R. Shannon, President

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