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**CORRIENTE RESOURCES INC. APPLIES TO LIST ITS COMMON SHARES
ON THE AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE**

Corriente announces that it has filed an application to list its common shares on the American Stock Exchange in the United States. The company also announces that it has filed a Registration Statement on Form 40-F with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission as required to facilitate this application. The company has been advised that the application review process can take up to approximately 4 weeks.

Corriente's Senior Vice-President, Dan Carriere commented, "We are committed to expanding awareness of our company within the global investment community over the coming years as we continue to develop our copper operations in the Corriente Copper Belt. We view a listing of our common shares on the American Stock Exchange as an important step towards achieving this goal."

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. Beyond the Mirador project, Corriente has a unique pipeline of copper resource development projects which could keep production rates in the Corriente Copper Belt district growing for over a decade. Corriente controls a 100% interest in over 50,000 hectares located within the Corriente Copper Belt, Ecuador. The Belt currently contains three copper and copper-gold porphyry deposits, Mirador, Panantza and San Carlos. Additional exploration activities will be ongoing, as six additional copper and copper-gold exploration targets have been identified in the Corriente Copper Belt to date.

"Ken Shannon"

Kenneth R. Shannon, P. Geo.
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

The Toronto Stock Exchange has neither approved nor disapproved of the information contained herein.

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