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**CORRIENTE RESOURCES INC. SHARES TO BEGIN TRADING ON AMEX
UNDER THE SYMBOL “ETQ” ON THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2006**

Corriente is pleased to announce that its common shares will begin trading on the American Stock Exchange on Thursday, April 6, 2006.

Dan Carriere, Corriente’s Senior Vice President commented, “Our listing on the American Stock Exchange will provide U.S. investors with much more direct access to our copper growth story. As well, this listing will allow us to expand our shareholder base in the largest capital market in the world. We also believe that this listing will prove to be very positive for the company and the American Stock Exchange, and we are very pleased to have been accepted by such a respected exchange.”

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.

“Dan Carriere”

Daniel A. Carriere
Senior Vice-President

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

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