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For the month of May, 2008

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### CORRIENTE RESOURCES INC.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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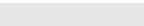
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DOCUMENTS INCLUDED AS PART OF THIS REPORT

Document

1.  Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations for the quarter ended March 31, 2008.
  2. Interim consolidated financial statements for the quarter ended March 31, 2008.
  3. Certification of Interim Filings - CEO
  4. Certification of Interim Filings - CFO
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CORRIENTE RESOURCES INC.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS

For the Three Month Period Ended March 31, 2008

*(Expressed in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted)*

May 13, 2008

Management's Discussion and Analysis supplements, but does not form part of, the unaudited consolidated financial statements of Corriente Resources Inc. ("Corriente" or "the company") and the notes thereto for the three-month period ended March 31, 2008. Consequently, the following discussion and analysis of the financial condition and results of operations for Corriente should be read in conjunction with the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto for the three-month period ended March 31, 2008 and with the company's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2007 and related notes thereto, which are prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). The accounting policies have been consistently followed in preparation of these financial statements, except that the company has adopted the guidelines governed by Sections 1535, 3862 and 3863 of the CICA Handbook, "Capital Disclosures", "Financial Instruments Disclosures" and "Financial Instruments Presentation", respectively, commencing January 1, 2008.

The above-referenced financial statements and other information, including the company's Annual Information Form, can be found on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and on EDGAR at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). The company's shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (under the symbol "CTQ") and on the American Stock Exchange (under the symbol "ETQ").

Cautionary Statement on Forward-Looking Statements

This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") contains forward-looking statements that relate to future events or Corriente's future performance. All statements other than statements of historical fact are forward-looking statements. These statements include, but are not limited to, statements concerning the future financial and operating performance of Corriente, its subsidiaries and its current and proposed mineral projects; the future price of copper, gold and other precious and base metals; the estimation of mineral reserves and resources; the realization of mineral reserve estimates; the timing and amount of estimated future production; anticipated costs of production; working capital requirements; capital and exploration expenditures; costs and timing of mine development, processing facility construction and the development of new deposits; costs and timing of future exploration; requirements for additional capital; government regulation of mining operations; environmental risks; reclamation expenses; title disputes or claims; limitation of insurance coverage; and the timing and possible outcome of pending litigation and regulatory matters.

Often, but not always, forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of words such as "plans", "proposes", "expects", "is expected", "budget", "scheduled", "estimates", "forecasts", "intends", "anticipates", or "believes" or variations (including negative variations) of such words and phrases, or state that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "might" or "will" be taken, occur or be achieved.

Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of Corriente to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Such factors include, but are not limited to, general business and economic uncertainties; exploration and mining risks; uncertainties relating to surface rights; the actual results of current exploration activities; realization of resource estimates; ability to obtain financing; actual results of reclamation activities; the outcome of negotiations; conclusions of economic evaluations

and studies; changes in project parameters and returns as plans continue to be refined; future prices of copper, gold, and other precious and base metals; increased competition in the mining industry for properties, equipment and qualified personnel; risks associated with environmental compliance and permitting, including those created by changes in environmental legislation and regulation; the risk of arbitrary changes in law; title risks; risks relating to repatriation of earnings; social and political risks associated with operations in foreign countries; the risk of loss of key personnel; significant fluctuations in the exchange rates for United States and Canadian currency; and delays in the completion of development and construction activities.

The forward-looking statements contained herein are based on a number of assumptions that the company believes are reasonable, but may prove to be incorrect. These assumptions include, but are not limited to, assumptions that there is no material deterioration in general business and economic conditions; that there is no unanticipated fluctuation of interest rates and foreign exchange rates; that the supply and demand for copper and gold develop as expected; that the company receives regulatory approvals for its exploration and development projects on a timely basis; that the company is able to obtain financing for the company's development projects on reasonable terms; that engineering and construction timetables and capital costs for the company's development projects are not incorrectly estimated or affected by unforeseen circumstances; that the company's reserve estimates are within reasonable bounds of accuracy and that the geological, operational and price assumptions on which they are based are reasonable; and that the company is able to hire the personnel it needs to carry out its business plan.

The foregoing lists of factors and assumptions are not exhaustive. You should also consider carefully the matters discussed under the heading "Risk Factors" elsewhere in this MD&A. Forward-looking statements contained herein are made as of the date hereof (or of the date of a document incorporated herein by reference, as applicable). The company undertakes no obligation to update publicly or otherwise revise any forward-looking statements or the foregoing lists of factors and assumptions, whether as a result of new information, future events or results or otherwise, except as required by law. Because forward-looking statements are inherently uncertain, readers should not place undue reliance on them. The forward-looking statements contained herein are expressly qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement.

#### Cautionary Note to U.S. Investors

All references to mineral reserves and resources contained in this MD&A are determined in accordance with National Instrument 43-101 ("NI 43-101") Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects, an instrument made under Canadian securities regulations. While the terms "Mineral resource", "Measured mineral resource", "Indicated mineral resource" and "Inferred mineral resource" are recognized and required by Canadian regulations, they are not defined or recognized by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). As such, information contained in this MD&A concerning descriptions of mineralization and resources, as determined in accordance with Canadian standards, may not be comparable to similar information made public by U.S. companies subject to the reporting and disclosure requirements of the SEC. "Indicated mineral resource" and "Inferred mineral resource" have a great amount of uncertainty as to their existence, and great uncertainty as to their economic and legal feasibility. It cannot be assumed that all or any part of the mineral resources in these categories will ever be upgraded to a higher category of resource.

John Drobe, P.Geo., the company's Chief Geologist, is the Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101 and responsible for the preparation of the technical disclosure in this document, unless otherwise noted.

#### General Corporate

#### Outstanding Share Data

The company's authorized capital consists of an unlimited number of common shares without par value.

As at May 13, 2008, there were 74,972,393 issued and outstanding common shares, and options to purchase an aggregate of 2,857,500 common shares, of which 1,460,161 had vested in accordance with the vesting provisions discussed below:

#### Incentive Stock Option Plan

Under the company's Incentive Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"), the number of shares that may be reserved for grant under the Plan is a rolling maximum of 10% of the number of common shares actually outstanding immediately prior to the grant of any particular option.

The exercise price established for options granted under the Plan is equal to the closing market price of the company's shares on the Toronto Stock Exchange on the trading day immediately prior to the grant of the option.

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Options granted generally have expiry dates five years from the date of grant and the following vesting provisions:

- Options granted to executive officers, directors and other head office personnel vest on the basis of 1/16th of the total each quarter (from grant date), with such vesting being accelerated based on a change in control of Corriente or the attainment of clearly identified milestones, as determined by the company's directors.

- Options granted to Corriente subsidiary personnel vest on a cumulative basis of 50% of the total granted after 12 months from the grant date, 75% of the total granted after 18 months from the grant date and 100% of the total granted after 24 months from grant date, with such vesting being accelerated based on a change in control of Corriente, as determined by the company's directors.

The following summarizes the stock options granted in the first quarter of 2008:

Date of grant	Date of expiry	Exercise Price	Recipients	Granted
January 2, 2008	January 2, 2013	\$5.41	Head office employee and executive officers	320,000
			Total	320,000

The following is a summary of stock option transactions during the first quarter of 2008:

	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price
Balance at December 31, 2007	2,702,500	\$4.30
Granted	320,000	5.41
Exercised	(10,000)	2.99
Forfeited	(120,000)	4.80
Balance at March 31, 2008	2,892,500	\$4.30

Of the 320,000 options granted the first three-month period of 2008, none had vested as at March 31, 2008. As at March 31, 2008, 1,428,755 of the company's 2,892,500 outstanding stock options had vested in accordance with the above-referenced vesting provisions.

### Business of the company

Corriente is a Canadian-based junior resource company engaged in the exploration and development of copper mineral properties located primarily in the Rio Zamora copper porphyry district (known as the "Corriente Copper Belt"), in the Morona-Santiago and Zamora-Chinchipec provinces of Ecuador. Under various agreements signed with certain subsidiaries of BHP Billiton Plc ("BHP Billiton"), the company has earned a 100% interest in certain mineral property concessions in the Corriente Copper Belt, the most advanced of which are the Mirador Project and the Panantza-San Carlos Project. The concessions acquired from BHP Billiton are subject to a 2% Net Smelter Royalty ("NSR") payable to BHP Billiton, although the company has options to reduce the NSR to 1% for the Mirador/Mirador Norte, Panantza and San Carlos mineral properties upon the payment of US\$2 million to BHP Billiton for each such option exercised.

Corriente controls a 100% interest in approximately 62,000 hectares located within the Corriente Copper Belt (the "Belt"). The company has identified four main copper and copper-gold porphyry deposits in the Belt: Mirador; Mirador Norte; Panantza; and San Carlos. Corriente continues to optimize its Mirador-Mirador Norte copper-gold project (the "Mirador Project"). Additionally, a Preliminary Assessment for a 90,000 tonne per day combined



Panantza-San Carlos copper mining operation was completed and made available on SEDAR in December 2007.

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

At March 31, 2008, the company had 74 employees (December 31, 2007 - 74).

At present, only the company's Mirador Project property has Measured and Indicated Resources while any planned exploration programs for the company's other properties are exploratory searches to delineate more Inferred Resources, or convert Inferred Resources identified for the Mirador Project and Panantza - San Carlos Project to the Indicated category.

In November 2006, a series of protests began that were held in the Morona-Santiago and Zamora-Chinchipe provinces of Ecuador against resource development in general. After a number of ineffective negotiating sessions were held with the protesters, the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum ("MMP") advised the company to temporarily suspend its Mirador Project fieldwork in order to secure the safety and security of local communities and supporters. This suspension was subsequently formalized in December 2006 by a suspension order from the Sub-Secretary of Environment's office within the MMP. To date, there has been no change in the status of this suspension order.

### Significant Events for the Period Ended March 31, 2008 and to date

(more fully described herein - see "Mirador Project" and "Panantza - San Carlos Project")

#### January 2008

- Panantza-San Carlos partnership process initiated - the company announced that it had started the process of contacting interested parties to become majority strategic partners in the development of the Panantza - San Carlos Project, with assistance from Citigroup Global Markets and Canaccord Adams.

#### April 2008

- Completion of an updated Feasibility Study Technical Report for the Mirador Project - the company announced that an updated Feasibility Study Technical Report ("FS") has been completed for the company's 100% owned Mirador Project ("the Project") in southeastern Ecuador. The FS projects an average of almost 130 Million pounds of annual copper production for the Project and shows a projected initial capital cost of approximately US\$ 399 Million and approximately US\$ 19 Million in working capital, which would be spent over a two year construction period prior to the start of production. The FS calls for daily throughput of the concentrator facility of approximately 30,000 tonnes per day, which is a material improvement over the original Feasibility Study results released by the company in April 2005, which planned for 25,000 tonnes per day.

- Constitutional Assembly passes new Mining Mandate - on April 18, 2008, the Constitutional Assembly of Ecuador approved a Mining Mandate (the "Mandate") which establishes a number of conditions and restrictions on metallic mining concessions previously issued by the government of Ecuador, in advance of a new legal framework (the "Mining Law") that is to be issued within 180 days from the date of publication of the Mandate. The company has been advised by the MMP that the intention of the Ecuador Government is to develop a new Mining Law within the 180 day period, which will provide details regarding the scope and meaning of the Articles contained in the Mandate

The existence of the Mandate creates uncertainty regarding the mining industry in Ecuador. However, to date, the company's discussions with the MMP and legal counsel have not resulted in a determination of any material impairment in the carrying value of the company's concessions as a result of the Mandate becoming law.

Corriente continues to seek clarity from the Ecuador Government regarding the Mandate's specific application to the company's operations over the next six months and will issue updates as information becomes available.

## Mirador Project

In September 2006, Corriente's directors reviewed the development status of the Mirador Project and approved management's recommendation of the placement of orders for long lead-time equipment for the project. This equipment included the main components of the grinding circuit such as the SAG and ball mills. The company was working on an accelerated timeline that had an estimated completion date of the Mirador Project and start of production during the fourth quarter of 2008. These items were on the critical path to meet that deadline.

On January 25, 2007, the company announced that there would be a delay in the planned start of production at Mirador. This delay was largely due to adjustments to long lead-time equipment deliveries as a result of the decision to move off of the previous accelerated Mirador Project development plan. This accelerated plan was based on having key permits and government agreements completed by January 2007. Since these permit applications and agreements were still being processed and the company was restricted from resuming planned development activities at Mirador, the company's directors elected to minimize the Mirador Project obligations.

In connection with this timeline extension, the company implemented a restructuring of its Ecuador operations to reduce the overall number of its employees while still maintaining a core group of technical and professional staff and increasing its governmental and community affairs activities.

Despite the suspension of fieldwork activities at the Mirador Project site, the company was able to continue work in 2007 and 2008 on enhancements to various engineering aspects of the Project. This additional engineering and feasibility work was recently completed, and the results were announced on April 3, 2008. The NI 43-101 Technical Report for this Feasibility Study ("FS") was filed on SEDAR on May 9, 2008. This report includes a summary of the economic model for a first phase 30,000 tonne per day concentrator operation at Mirador.

The FS projects an average of almost 130 Million pounds of annual copper production for the Project and shows a projected initial capital cost of approximately US\$399 Million and approximately US\$19 Million in working capital. The FS calls for daily throughput of the concentrator facility of approximately 30,000 tonnes per day, which is a material improvement over the original Feasibility Study results released by the company in April 2005, which planned for 25,000 tonnes per day.

The April 3, 2008 FS Technical Report Base Case Net Present Value ("NPV"), after-tax, is US\$265 Million, with an after-tax Internal Rate of Return ("IRR") of 17.7% (using metal prices of US\$1.75/lb Cu, US\$7.50/oz Ag, US\$550/oz Au, 8% discount rate, US\$75/tonne and US\$0.075/lb treatment and refining charges, respectively, for Cu).

Mirador Norte is located less than 1 km from the planned Mirador Project milling facility. Confirmation of resources at Mirador Norte provides additional options for the development of Mirador, including access to higher-grade enriched material from the shallow parts of Mirador Norte and the flexibility of being able to shift production from one pit to another.

Even after all necessary permits are received, project financing is in place, and a construction decision is made, it is Management's opinion that it would take approximately 24 months to achieve commencement of production at Mirador.

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The resources that have been identified for the Mirador Project are summarized below:

Table of Resources  
0.4% Copper Cut-off

Measured and Indicated Resources								
Project	Category	Tonnes	Cu%	Cu (lbs)	Au (ppb)	Au oz	Ag (ppm)	Ag oz
Mirador	Measured	52,610,000	0.65	753,000,000	210	360,000	1.6	2,770,000
	Indicated	385,060,000	0.60	5,134,000,000	190	2,380,000	1.5	18,760,000
<b>Measured &amp; Indicated</b>		<b>437,670,000</b>	<b>0.61</b>	<b>5,887,000,000</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>2,740,000</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>21,530,000</b>
Mirador Norte	Indicated	171,410,000	0.51	1,921,000,000	89	489,000	-	-
<b>Total Measured &amp; Indicated</b>		<b>609,080,000</b>	<b>0.58</b>	<b>7,808,000,000</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>3,229,000</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>21,530,000</b>

Inferred Resources								
Project	Category	Tonnes	Cu%	Cu (lbs)	Au (ppb)	Au oz	Ag (ppm)	Ag oz
Mirador	Inferred	235,400,000	0.52	2,708,000,000	170	1,250,000	1.3	9,900,000
Mirador Norte	Inferred	45,820,000	0.51	513,000,000	68	101,000	-	-
<b>Total Inferred</b>				<b>3,221,000,000</b>				

The Qualified Person under NI 43-101 for the resource estimates quoted above is John Drobe, P.Geo, Chief Geologist, Corriente.

Environmental Impact Assessments ("EIA")

On May 4, 2006, Corriente announced that the Mirador Project's EIA was approved by the MMP.

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 MMP 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 MMP in Ecuador for a mining project. The submission of the EIA and subsequent approval followed an extensive consultation process with local communities carried out in late November and early December 2005.

As a requirement of the MMP's approval of the EIA, the company was required to post US\$3,019,539 (Cdn.\$ equivalent at March 31, 2008 \$3,099,557; December 31, 2007 \$2,993,269) in favour of the MMP as a security deposit against the company's obligations under the EIA. The required security deposit amount is reviewed on an annual basis by the MMP and is expected to be subject to adjustment as the project progresses to completion.

In September 2006, the company filed an amendment to the EIA ("EIAA") to allow for mill, tailings and dump location changes to the original mine plan. Subsequent public consultations were successful. However, the EIAA was rejected by authorities in May 2007 and is currently being revised for re-submittal. The EIAA will incorporate engineering enhancements completed through 2008 on the Mirador Project.

For the company to receive a mine operating permit for the Mirador Project, approvals for the EIAA and construction and operating-related permit applications must be received from the MMP and other Ecuador governmental authorities during the course of development of the Mirador mine, prior to the beginning of mine operations.



In December 2007, Corriente announced that the Ministry of Environment (the "MOE") in Ecuador approved the EIA for the company's port operation in Machala, which is designed to act as a shipping facility for copper concentrates sent to overseas smelters. The company owns a 27 hectare port site on the Santa Rosa Channel in Machala, which is connected to the Mirador Project by a 400 km paved highway. Receipt of the EIA is an important part of the overall Mirador Project approval process and provides the key access for a Pacific shipping route for the company's copper concentrates. As a requirement of the MOE's approval of the Machala Port EIA, the company was required to post US\$288,000 (Cdn.\$ equivalent at March 31, 2008 \$295,632; December 31, 2007 \$285,494) in favour of the MMP as a security deposit against the company's obligations under this EIA.

#### Community Relations and Sustainable Development

The company has designed and implemented a number of community relations ("CR") plan strategies after identifying local and regional communities' needs as well as the related impacts of the company's future mining activities on these communities. The company's CR plans focus on the critical needs of the local and regional communities and federal government and are regularly reviewed to ensure appropriateness and effectiveness.

The company continues to be committed to local communities in all aspects of its mining and economic development activities. Since 2004, the company has actively initiated and provided financial, equipment and manpower resources in the areas of education, employment, health, building assistance, environmental preservation and cultural and economic development programs.

Sustainable development is a process that aims to maintain and improve the quality of life not only for the present generation in areas and communities in which the company works but also for future generations. It involves the integration of three main components: environmental protection, social sustainability and economic sustainability.

Corriente's approach to business and sustainable development involves implementing strategies beneficial to the community, environment and the country and its economy. The company's commitment and obligation to these strategies extend beyond standard compliance with national and international guidelines and involve building relationships based on honesty, openness and mutual trust. This is the essence of Corriente's community relations and sustainable development theme: "El Trato Justo" or "A Fair Deal"

Reflecting the above, the company incurred deferred development costs for the Mirador Project of \$2,787,977 (2007 \$2,929,526) for the three-month period ended March 31, 2008.

#### Panantza - San Carlos Project

The Panantza and San Carlos Project concessions are located approximately 40 km north of the Mirador Project. Corriente was approximately halfway through the first phase of a planned 16000 metres of drilling on the Panantza project when these activities were suspended as part of the Mirador Project suspension order referenced above. The drilling was the start of a planned two-year program to complete a feasibility study at Panantza and San Carlos, designed to incorporate the Panantza and San Carlos concessions into a single large copper development opportunity.

Prior to 2006, Panantza was last drilled in late 2000. Results from this previous drilling at Panantza included hole PA013 with 299 metres of 0.76% copper, hole PA012 with 269 metres of 0.97% copper, and hole PA017 with 64 metres of 1.29% secondary copper at the surface followed by 383 metres of 0.75% copper.

In 2006, an additional 25 holes totalling 8400 metres were completed. Results include hole PA039 with 17 metres of 1.31% copper in a secondary copper horizon overlying 399 metres of 0.66% copper, hole PA041 with 443 metres of 0.60% copper, and hole PA052 with 276 metres of 0.77% copper.





Current Inferred Resources at Panantza, which incorporate the 2006 drilling results into a block-model using updated geology models, and at a 0.4% copper cut-off, are approximately 463 million tonnes grading 0.66% copper, containing 6.7 billion pounds of copper. The 2006 drilling added close to a billion pounds of copper to the previous Panantza resource. Corriente will focus on converting most of this resource to the Measured and Indicated category during completion of the drill programme.

One objective of the 2006 Panantza drilling program was to define the southern edge of the Panantza mineralization. However, rather than delineate the edge of the Panantza deposit, the 2006 results indicate the Panantza mineralization extends farther south than previously recognized. The southernmost holes drilled, PA033 and PA034, were both terminated in copper mineralization averaging over 0.8% Cu at the hole bottoms, at approximately 330 metres and 342 metres deep respectively. The Panantza drill plan has now been expanded to complete additional holes to follow this mineralization to the south.

In addition, the deepest holes from this round of drilling (such as PA051) indicate that mineralization extends more than 200 metres deeper than previous drilling in the southwest portion of the deposit and mineralization remains open for further extension at depth. The deposit is also still open to the west.

San Carlos is believed to be the largest copper-molybdenum mineralized porphyry system in the Belt, with dimensions of about 2,000 metres x 2,500 metres. The mineralization has been tested with 25 diamond drill holes at variable spacing, drilled by BHP Billiton in 1997 and 1998. The current block-model based, Inferred Resource estimate, at a 0.4% copper cut-off, is 600 million tonnes grading 0.59% copper, containing 7.7 billion pounds of copper. The next phase of drilling will attempt to expand the resources and convert the bulk of the Inferred Resources to the Measured and Indicated categories.

A Preliminary Assessment Technical Report (dated October 30, 2007) for a 90,000 tonne per day combined Panantza-San Carlos copper mining operation was completed and made available on SEDAR in December 2007. Highlights from this study are:

- Base case Net Present Value ("NPV") after tax of US\$676 Million and an Internal Rate of Return ("IRR") of 15.1% (using metal prices of US\$1.50/lb Cu, US\$7.50/oz Ag, US\$550/oz Au and US\$10.00/lb Mo, 8% discount rate, US\$75/tonne and US \$0.075/lb treatment and refining charges for Cu). Using US\$2.00 copper, the after-tax NPV increases to US\$1.718 Billion and the IRR increases to 24.1%.  
Average annual metal production over the first 10 years of approximately 418 million lbs of copper, 22,800 oz gold, 1,110,000 oz silver and 2,800,000 lbs of molybdenum.
- The Report modeled a mine plan based on 678 million Inferred tonnes at a grade of 0.62% Cu, 0.05g/t Au, 1.3 g/t Ag and 0.008% Mo with estimated recoveries of 91% Cu, 30% Au (Panantza only), 70% Ag and 43% Mo.
- The cost to produce a pound of payable copper, net of other metal credits, and inclusive of marketing, smelting and transportation costs over the life of mine is estimated to be US\$0.73/lb.
- The Project would generate up to 2,000 jobs during the construction period and could create over five hundred direct and almost 4,000 indirect jobs during the estimated 20 year life.
- Total estimated value of taxes, profit sharing and expenditures within Ecuador over the twenty year Project life is approximately US\$6 Billion.

Management of the company feels that the Panantza-San Carlos concessions represent a rare opportunity to capitalize on six years of community work, project engineering and management development expertise that has been built around the company's Mirador Project. This body of knowledge will significantly assist in the project development process and at the same time allow the company to take economic advantage of infrastructure that is being put in place for the Mirador mine. The Project has been recommended to proceed to the Feasibility Study stage, which has an estimated budget requirement of approximately US\$12 Million. The work would include detailed diamond drilling at both deposits to fully delineate mineralization and provide core for metallurgical and geotechnical studies. This work is planned to extend over a two year period. In addition, a program of extensive community dialogue is planned to ensure that the voice of local residents is reflected in any planned development ideas. Part of this dialogue will include several public consultations, which will form part of the on-going permitting process. Fieldwork is not expected to

start until the completion of negotiations with the Ecuador government regarding the lifting of a suspension order that applies to the company's Mirador, Panantza and San Carlos concessions.

Following is a summary Table of Resources setting out the company's mineral property resources for its Panantza-San Carlos concession blocks in the Corriente Copper Belt.

Table of Resources  
0.4% Copper Cut-off

Inferred Resources				
Project	Category	Tonnes	Cu%	Cu (lbs)
Panantza	Inferred*	463,000,000	0.66	6,688,000,000
San Carlos**	Inferred*	600,000,000	0.59	7,738,000,000
Total Panantza-San Carlos		1,063,000,000	0.62	<b>14,426,000,000</b>

\* does not include copper oxide mineralized material that was previously included in resource estimate

\*\* resources are calculated at 0.4% copper cut-off using data previously released in June 2001 at a 0.65% copper cut-off

The Qualified Person under NI 43-101 for the resource estimates quoted above is John Drobe, P. Geo, Chief Geologist, Corriente

On January 31, 2008, the company announced that it had started the process of contacting interested parties to become strategic partners in the development of the Panantza San Carlos Project in southeast Ecuador. To assist in this process, Corriente has engaged the advisory services of Citi and Canaccord Adams to secure a majority partner for the Panantza San Carlos Project. With estimated capital costs in the order of US\$1.3 billion, this project is better suited for advancement by a large company having the financial and technical resources required to fast-track its development to production. Bringing on a majority partner for Panantza San Carlos will allow Corriente to maintain its focus on the Mirador Project.

During the three-month period ended March 31, 2008, the company incurred exploration and development costs of \$315,295 (2007 \$370,473) for the Panantza-San Carlos project. The company focused its development efforts for the Panantza-San Carlos Project on its community relations programs in the district, review of the status of all exploration-based EIAs and associated audits and the completion of the Preliminary Assessment.

#### Other Exploration Projects and Machala Port

For the three-month period ended March 31, 2008, expenditures to develop the company's concentrate shipping port facility in Machala, Ecuador totalled \$59,381 (2007 \$62,535).

For the three-month period ended March 31, 2008, deferred exploration costs of \$3,014 (2007 \$7,473) were attributed to the company's remaining copper exploration targets in the Corriente Copper Belt, comprised of the La Florida, San Luis, San Marcos, San Miguel, Sutz and Dolorosa concessions.

#### Financial Results of Operations

The information provided below highlights the company's quarterly results for the past 8 quarters. All of the financial information referenced below is expressed in Canadian dollars (unless otherwise noted) and has been prepared in accordance with Canadian GAAP. The significant accounting policies are outlined within note 2 to the audited consolidated financial statements of the company for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007 and have been followed consistently through the current period.

## Financial Data for Last Eight Quarters

In thousands of Canadian dollars, except for per share amounts

Three-month period ended	Mar-08	Dec-07	Sep-07	Jun-07	Mar-07	Dec-06	Sep-06	Jun-06
Total revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
General and administrative expenses	\$931	\$961	\$877	\$973	\$687	\$617	\$996	\$878
Other expenses (income)	\$(3,514)	\$(560)	\$4,555	\$6,600	\$919	\$(1,503)	\$(1,474)	\$(1,105)
Loss (earnings)	\$(2,583)	\$401	\$5,432	\$7,573	\$1,606	\$(886)	\$(478)	\$(227)
Basic and diluted loss (earnings) per share	\$(0.03)	\$0.01	\$0.07	\$0.10	\$0.02	\$(0.01)	\$(0.01)	\$0.00

As the company has not had any revenue-producing mineral properties, no mining revenues have been recorded to date. Since January 2007, the company's funds have been held predominantly in US dollars. The earnings in the first quarter of 2008 were due mainly to a foreign exchange gain, due to a change in the \$C:\$US exchange rates from December 31, 2007 to March 31, 2008. The losses in 2007 were primarily due to foreign exchange losses and the significant change in \$C:\$US exchange rates. The earnings generated in the last two quarters of 2006 were the result of significant interest income from the investment of the proceeds of the company's May 2006 public offering. For the second quarter of 2006, the company realized a gain on the receipt and sale of shares received from prior years' asset sales.

In recent years, the company's losses largely reflect the impact of foreign exchange losses on holdings of US dollars, offset by interest income earned from cash and cash equivalents on hand.

In periods of loss, basic and diluted loss per share are the same because the effect of potential issuances of shares under would be anti-dilutive.

For the three months ended March 31, 2008, the company had net earnings of \$2,583,416 (or \$0.03 per share), compared with a net loss of \$1,606,013 (or \$0.02 per share) for the same period in 2007.

Weakening of the Canadian dollar from \$0.9913 at December 31, 2007 to \$1.0265 at March 31, 2008 primarily accounted for the earnings in the first quarter of 2008, as the company's foreign exchange gain was \$2.7 million in the first three months of 2008, compared to a foreign exchange loss of \$1.7 million in the same period in 2007. This company's cash and cash equivalents are held mainly in US dollars, since its costs are predominantly in US dollars.

Administration expenses increased to \$930,952 for the first three-month period of 2008 from \$686,809 during the first quarter of 2007. The largest increase was for corporate development and shareholder expenses, which were \$161,577 compared to \$80,752 in the first quarter of 2007. More specifically, a total of US \$100,000 was paid to two firms in an initiative to secure a majority partner for the Panantza-San Carlos Project. This was partially offset by lower expenditures in investor relations activities. Regulatory fees were also \$41,000 higher in the first quarter of 2008 than in the same period in 2007. Salaries and benefits increased by \$69,085 (including \$34,219 for non-cash stock-based compensation) to \$522,295 in the first quarter of 2008 (2007 \$453,210) due to increased staffing costs. Incurred during the first quarter of 2008 were severance costs totalling \$Nil (2007 \$743,000) due to a restructuring of the company's Ecuador operations (see Mirador Project).

Declining interest rates since the end of the first quarter of 2007 contributed to the decrease in interest income from \$1.7 million to \$0.8 million, as well as the change in the value of the US dollar relative to the Canadian dollar. Since the first quarter of 2007, the company's cash and cash equivalents have been predominantly held in US dollars.

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For the period ended March 31, 2008, the estimated fair value of the granted options which vested during the period totalled \$402,443 (2007 \$585,416), of which \$242,244 (2007 \$208,025) is included in salaries, benefits & stock-based compensation and \$160,199 (2007 \$377,391) is included in mineral properties. These amounts reflect the fair value of stock options expensed or capitalized as calculated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model.

In November 2007, the company experienced an accidental loss of its construction barge. The carrying value of the barge was written down from \$1,401,529 to \$605,244 as at December 31, 2007. The related shoreline and barge facilities remain intact. During the first quarter of 2008, the company received full payment from its insurance company equal to the amount written down. Costs associated with the reconstruction of the barge will be added to the barge's carrying value after reconstruction is completed.

The company operates within a single operating segment, which is the exploration and development of copper-gold mineral properties. The company's mineral property interests are in Ecuador, South America, as set out in note 3 of the financial statements. With the exception of severance costs in relation to restructuring of \$Nil (2007 \$743,000) incurred by the company's Ecuador operations, the consolidated statements of loss for the periods ended March 31, 2008 and 2007 reflect the Canadian operations.

#### Liquidity and Capital Resources

Generally, a non-GAAP financial measure is a numerical measure of a company's performance, financial position or cash and cash equivalents flows that either excludes or includes amounts that are not normally excluded or included in the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP. Working capital calculations or changes are not measures of financial performance (nor do they have standardized meanings) under either Canadian or US GAAP. In evaluating these measures, readers should consider that the methodology applied in calculating such measures may differ among companies and analysts.

Working capital (defined as current assets minus current liabilities) as at March 31, 2008 was \$92,773,214, compared to \$92,193,439 at December 31, 2007. A foreign exchange gain of \$2.7 million due to a weakening of the Canadian dollar relative to the US dollar and interest income, offset by expenditures incurred, accounted for the working capital increase.

The main cash and cash equivalents flows applied to investing activities during the three-month period ended March 31, 2008 were for mineral property expenditures mainly associated with the development of the Mirador Project of \$3,685,796 (2007 \$7,412,689). During the first quarter of 2008, the company received US \$709,000 from its insurance company for the accidental loss of its barge during the fourth quarter of 2007.

The company has no significant financial or other instruments as at March 31, 2008, except that its short-term investments are invested in overnight bank deposits with R1-High investment ratings (DBRS) and as they mature daily, are easily liquidated. The company has no investments in asset-backed commercial paper.

At May 13, 2008, the company had 74,972,393 common shares issued and outstanding (fully diluted 77,829,893).

The company has no long-term debt obligations or off-balance sheet arrangements.

Historically, the company's capital requirements have been met by equity subscriptions and from the proceeds of sale of mineral property interests previously written off. The company's continuing operations as intended are dependent on management's ability to raise required funding through future equity issuances, debt financing, asset sales or a combination thereof (refer to Risks Factors below). While the company's current working capital is considered sufficient to fund the company's administrative overhead for the next several years, substantial capital is required to complete the company's Mirador Project and other Corriente Copper Belt resource developments. 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.

#### Related party transactions

In connection with the 2007 spin-off of gold exploration targets to Q2 Gold Resources Inc. ("Q2 Gold") and to assist Q2 Gold with its business objectives, Corriente and Q2 Gold entered into a collateralized, interest-bearing convertible loan agreement dated April 23, 2007 pursuant to which Corriente agreed to lend Q2 Gold up to \$750,000 to be advanced in instalments (the "Loan").

As at March 31, 2008, a total of \$588,945 was owed by Q2 Gold to the company, consisting of \$552,999 of principal and \$35,946 of accrued interest. The Loan principal and unpaid interest are due on the earlier of December 31, 2008 and the first date on which Q2 Gold obtains a prospectus filing receipt with respect to any of its securities in any province of Canada. At any time prior to maturity, Corriente can require Q2 Gold to convert, in whole or in part, the principal amount outstanding and accrued interest of the Loan into Q2 Gold Shares at a conversion price equal to \$0.10 per share. Q2 Gold can repay any or all of the outstanding Loan at any time prior to maturity or conversion. The company believes the conversion feature of the Loan is not material, therefore note disclosure on the embedded derivative is not being presented.

Included in management fees and interest income are \$30,000 (2007 \$Nil) and \$11,092 (2007 \$Nil), respectively, for the three-month period ended March 31, 2008 in respect of administrative services and accrued interest on the Loan provided by Corriente to Q2 Gold, which has a common Board of Directors and common Officers.

The foregoing related party transactions are recorded at the exchange amount which is the amount of consideration paid or received as established and agreed to between the parties.

#### Accounting Estimates, Policies and Standards

When a new Canadian accounting standard is 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 its professional advisors and the Audit Committee. 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.

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Significant estimates and assumptions are used in determining possible impairment of mineral property costs, the fair values of stock options and financial instruments, asset retirement obligations and future income tax assets. The company evaluates its estimates on an on-going basis and bases them on various assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The company's estimates form the basis for making judgments about the carrying value for assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from those estimates. Should the company be unable to meet its ongoing obligations, the realizable value of its assets may decline materially from current estimates.

The details of the company's significant accounting policies are presented in note 2 of the company's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2007, which can be found on SEDAR. 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.

#### Mineral 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 and development expenditures, net of any recoveries. The company also capitalizes the costs for future income taxes related to mineral property costs that will not be eligible for deduction against future taxable income.



The amounts shown for mineral properties represent costs incurred to date and do not necessarily reflect present or future values.

Mineral property expenditures will be amortized over the useful lives of the properties upon commencement of commercial production or written down to fair value if the properties are abandoned, become impaired or the claims allowed to lapse.

During the period, the capitalized costs 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 estimated by quantifiable evidence of an economic geological resource or reserve, joint venture expenditure commitments or the company's assessment of its ability to sell the property for an amount less than the deferred costs, the property is written down to its fair value to recognize the impairment.

From time to time the company may acquire or dispose of a mineral property interest pursuant to the terms of an option agreement. Where the options are exercisable entirely at the discretion of the company or the optionee, the amounts payable or receivable are recorded as property costs or recoveries when the payments are made or received.

Capitalized costs will be depleted over the useful lives of the properties upon commencement of commercial production or written off if the properties are abandoned or the claims allowed to lapse.

#### Asset impairment

When events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amounts of the related mineral properties, plant and equipment may not be recoverable, management of the company reviews and evaluates the carrying value of each mineral property for impairment. If the total estimated future cash flows on an undiscounted basis are less than the carrying amount of the asset, an impairment loss is measured and assets are written down to fair value which is normally the discounted value of future cash flows. Where estimates of future net cash flows are not available and where other conditions suggest impairment, management assesses whether carrying value can be recovered by considering alternative methods of determining fair value. When it is determined that a mineral property is impaired, it is written down to its estimated fair value in accordance with the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants ("CICA") Handbook Section 3063 "Impairment of Long-Lived Assets".

#### Stock-based Compensation

The company accounts for stock options at fair value pursuant to CICA Handbook Section 3870, which established standards for the recognition, measurement and disclosure of stock-based compensation and other stock-based payments. 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 can 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. The exercise of options may occur at times different than those estimated, or options may expire unexercised. Compensation expense for options granted is determined based on estimated fair values of the options at the time of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model, the assumptions of which can be found in note 6 (c) of the company's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2007. The cost of options granted to directors, employees and non-employees is recognized over the vesting period of the respective options in accordance with Section 3870 and is either expensed or capitalized to mineral properties for grants to individuals working directly on mineral projects.

#### Financial Instruments

CICA Handbook Section 3855, "Financial Instruments - Recognition and Measurement", requires that all financial assets (except those classified as held to maturity), and derivative financial instruments must be measured at fair value. All financial liabilities must be measured at fair value when they are classified as held for trading; otherwise, they are measured at amortized cost. Investments classified as held for trading are reported at fair market value (or marked to market) based on quoted market prices with unrealized gains or losses included in earnings for the period. Investments classified as available-for-sale are reported at fair market value (or marked to market) based on quoted market prices with unrealized gains or losses excluded from earnings and reported as other comprehensive income or loss. Investments subject to significant influence are not adjusted to fair market value. For the three months ended

March 31, 2008, the application of CICA 3855 did not result in adjustments to the fair values of any financial instruments.

## New Accounting Policies

On December 1, 2006, the CICA issued three new accounting standards: Handbook Section 1535, "Capital Disclosures", Handbook Section 3862, "Financial Instruments Disclosures", and Handbook Section 3863, "Financial Instruments Presentation". These Sections were adopted by the company on January 1, 2008.

Section 1535 specifies the disclosure of (i) an entity's objectives, policies and processes for managing capital; (ii) quantitative data about what the entity regards as capital; (iii) whether the entity has complied with any capital requirements; and (iv) if it has not complied, the consequences of such non-compliance.

The company's capital predominantly consists of cash and overnight term deposits held at a major Canadian chartered bank. The risk that the company will realize a loss as a result of a decline in the fair value of the short-term investments included in cash and cash equivalents is minimal because these investments roll over daily. As at March 31, 2008, the aggregate balance of cash and term deposits held by the company was \$92,972,355.

The new Sections 3862 and 3863 replace Handbook Section 3861, "Financial Instruments Disclosure and Presentation", revising and enhancing its disclosure requirements, and carrying forward unchanged its presentation requirements. These new Sections place increased emphasis on disclosure of the significance of financial instruments for the entity's financial position and performance, the nature and extent of risks arising from financial instruments to which the company is exposed during the period and management's objectives, policies and procedures for managing such risks as at the balance sheet date.

## Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting for the company. Corriente has daily, weekly, monthly and annually-applied procedures 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 (the "CD Committee"), comprised of the Chief Executive Officer, Senior Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer. The CD Committee supplements these periodic processes.

## Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting ("ICFR")

Management has designed, established and is maintaining a system of ICFR to provide reasonable assurance that the financial information disclosed in this MD&A and the related financial statements was prepared by the company for external purposes is reliable and has been recorded, processed, summarized and reported to the company's Board of Directors and Audit Committee in an accurate and timely manner in accordance with Canadian GAAP and reconciled to US GAAP on an annual basis.

The Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer have evaluated whether there were any changes to the company's ICFR during the most recent interim period ended March 31, 2008 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect the company's ICFR. No such changes were identified from their evaluation.

## 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. It should be noted that this list is not exhaustive and that other risk factors may apply. Few exploration projects successfully achieve development due to factors that cannot be predicted or foreseen. An investment in the company may not be suitable for all investors. Following are the risk factors which the company's management believes are most important in the context of the company's business.

Foreign Country and Political Risk

The mineral 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. In recent history, Ecuador has undergone numerous political changes at the presidential and congressional levels. 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.

Even if the company's mineral properties are proven to host economic reserves of copper or other precious or non-precious metals, governmental expropriation may result in the total loss of the company's mineral properties without any compensation to the company.

In November 2006, Rafael Correa won the Ecuador Presidential run-off election over Alvaro Noboa but did not officially take office until January 15, 2007. During this transition period, the administration of President Alfredo Palacio experienced a number of indigenous protests in southeast Ecuador which eventually resulted in the suspension of the company's exploration and development activities (see "Mirador Project") and a delay in the Mirador Project's development timeline.

Since President Correa's January 15, 2007 inauguration, his administration focused primarily on exacting electoral and governmental reforms. In April 2007, a National Referendum was held, which approved the creation of a Constitutional Assembly (which would replace Congress). On September 30, 2007, Constitutional Assembly elections were held in which President Correa's Alianza Pais party had elected 80 of the 130 members of the Constitutional Assembly, thereby giving the President a clear majority in the Assembly.

Since obtaining an Assembly majority, the Correa Administration has moved to engage industry in dialogue regarding foreign investment in Ecuador. This dialogue includes plans to re-work oil and mining agreements in place with multi-national and state-owned companies, which could include new royalty and/or windfall profit tax rates for these sectors.

Recent announcements by the Correa Administration suggest that large-scale mining will play a significant role in the Ecuador Government's plans to grow the Ecuador economy for the benefit of all of its people. The company is in continuous dialogue with the MMP and the Correa Administration towards establishing large-scale mining operations in the Corriente Copper Belt.

On April 18, 2008, the Constitutional Assembly of Ecuador approved the Mandate which establishes a number of conditions and restrictions on metallic mining concessions previously issued by the Ecuador Government in advance of a new legal framework or Mining Law that is to be issued within 180 days from the date of publication of the Mandate. The existence of the Mandate creates some uncertainty regarding the political environment in Ecuador and its support of the mining industry.

Corriente, along with other mining companies, have communicated its concerns to the Ecuadorian government officials, including the President, and have received verbal assurances that the Government is still supportive of socially responsible mining in Ecuador.

While management believes that the current political and mining investment climate in Ecuador will stabilize, there can be no certainty that this will be the case in the near future.

To mitigate such risk, the company funds its Ecuador operations on an as-needed 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. There is no assurance that the company's mineral exploration activities will result in any discoveries of new bodies of commercial ore. 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 exploratory searches 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 mineralized deposit, no assurance can be given that minerals will be discovered in sufficient quantities or have 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.

An additional project risk relating to the company's development of its Mirador and Panantza-San Carlos projects includes the current high demand for major components and resources utilized in a mine's construction and operation, including equipment, parts and qualified employees. These same conditions may also adversely impact the mine's construction schedule if an inordinate demand on metals causes shortages or cost increases.

#### Surface Rights and Access

Although the company acquires the rights to some or all of the minerals in the ground subject to the tenures that it acquires, or has a right to acquire, in most cases it does not thereby acquire any rights to, or ownership of, the surface to the areas covered by its mineral tenures. In such cases, applicable mining laws usually provide for rights of access to the surface for the purpose of carrying on mining activities, however, the enforcement of such rights can be costly and time consuming. In areas where there are no existing surface rights holders, this does not usually cause a problem, as there are no impediments to surface access. However, in areas where there are local populations or land owners, it is necessary, as a practical matter, to negotiate surface access. There can be no guarantee that, despite having the legal right to access the surface and carry on mining activities, the company will be able to negotiate a satisfactory agreement with any such existing landowners/occupiers for such access, and t