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**Corriente and Other Mining Companies Meet with President Correa and Top Officials:
Correa Says Responsible Mining Will Go Ahead in Ecuador**

VANCOUVER, CANADA, April 25, 2008 – Corriente announces that the company and seven other mining companies (Aurelian Resources, Cornerstone Capital Resources, Dynasty Metals & Mining, Ecometals Limited, IAMGOLD, International Minerals Corporation and Salazar Resources) collectively met with President Correa and other top officials yesterday afternoon in Quito to discuss the future of mining in Ecuador and the impact of the previously announced Mining Mandate.

The companies welcomed President Correa's repeated statements that responsible mining will go ahead in Ecuador. He said that the purpose of the Mining Mandate was to allow the Government to get its house in order and new mining laws in place so that responsible mining can proceed. The President invited the mining companies to meet with the Ministry (of Mines and Petroleum) to help formulate the new mining laws, starting this coming Monday, April 28.

Present from the Government were President Rafael Correa; Dr. Galo Chiriboga, Minister of Mines and Petroleum; Dr. José Serrano, Deputy Secretary of Mines; Dr. Agustin Paladines, Mining Advisor to the President; Fernando Alvarado, Advisor to the President; Ricardo Patiño, Minister of Politics; and Dr. Ramon Torres, Business Advisor to the President. The Canadian Ambassador to Ecuador, Christian LaPointe, accompanied the companies and presented the concerns of the Canadian Government for a fair, stable and long-term investment environment in Ecuador.

Corriente continues to seek clarity from the Ecuador Government regarding the Mining Mandate's specific application to the company's operations over the next six months and will issue updates as information becomes available. The Company looks forward to working with the Ministry starting next week.

ABOUT CORRIENTE

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. Corriente controls a 100% interest in approximately 62,000 hectares located within the Corriente Copper Belt, Ecuador. The Belt currently contains four copper and copper-gold porphyry deposits: Mirador, Mirador Norte, Panantza and San Carlos, as well as six additional copper exploration targets. Corriente is currently in discussions with a number of potential partners about participation in the Company's Panantza – San Carlos Project.

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