

Corriente Resources Inc.  
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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 6-K**

Report of Foreign Private Issuer  
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of **December, 2006**

Commission File Number **001-32748**

**CORRIENTE RESOURCES INC.**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

520 - 800 West Pender Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, CANADA V6C  
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(Address of principal executive offices)

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DOCUMENTS INCLUDED AS PART OF THIS REPORT

Document

1. News release, dated December 12, 2006 - "Drilling Continues to Extend Copper Mineralization at Panantza"
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|  | Disclosure statements as required by National Instrument 43-101 are available at our website <a href="http://www.corriente.com">www.corriente.com</a> |
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**"NEWS RELEASE"**

For Immediate Release

December 12, 2006

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**DRILLING CONTINUES TO EXTEND COPPER MINERALIZATION AT PANANTZA**

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, December 12, 2006 Corriente Resources Inc. announced today assay results received from the most recent fourteen holes drilled at Panantza as part of its feasibility drill program. These results follow the results of ten additional holes announced in Corriente's last Panantza feasibility drilling news release on September 7, 2006. Based on the success of drilling at Panantza to date, the Company is in the process of planning more holes to continue expanding the copper deposit to the south and west.

Current drilling results include hole PA041 with 443 metres of 0.60% copper and hole PA052 with 276 metres of 0.77% copper.

Located in southeast Ecuador approximately 40 km north of the Mirador project, Corriente has uncovered and previously disclosed Inferred resources at Panantza of approximately 395 million tonnes grading 0.67% copper containing 5.8 billion pounds of copper. The main purpose of this most recent drilling program is to help define the southwestern edge of mineralization for an updated resource calculation for Panantza. This resource calculation will be utilized in the planned feasibility study. The deepest holes from this round of drilling (such as PA051) indicate 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 south and west.

Results for the new holes are listed below and a map of the current round of drilling can be found at [www.corriente.com](http://www.corriente.com). Leached intervals are indicated with hyphens.

| Hole                              | From | To     | Width  | Cu % | Zone      |
|-----------------------------------|------|--------|--------|------|-----------|
| PA040                             | 0    | 35     | 35     | -    | leached   |
|                                   | 35   | 58     | 23     | 0.48 | mixed     |
|                                   | 58   | 87     | 29     | 1.02 | primary   |
|                                   | 87   | 319.13 | 232.13 | 0.08 | late dike |
| PA041                             | 0    | 57     | 57     | -    | leached   |
|                                   | 57   | 161    | 104    | 0.66 | primary   |
|                                   | 161  | 353    | 192    | 0.45 | primary   |
|                                   | 353  | 500    | 147    | 0.74 | primary   |
|                                   | 500  | 507.49 | 7.49   | 0.30 | primary   |
| PA042<br>angled 60<br>045 azimuth | 0    | 66     | 66     | -    | leached   |
|                                   | 66   | 201.16 | 135.16 | 0.70 | primary   |
| PA043                             | 0    | 21     | 21     | -    | leached   |

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| Hole        | From  | To     | Width  | Cu % | Zone            |
|-------------|-------|--------|--------|------|-----------------|
|             | 21    | 232    | 211    | 0.41 | primary         |
|             | 232   | 249.93 | 17.93  | 0.13 | late dike       |
| PA044       | 0     | 57     | 57     | -    | leached         |
| angled 60   | 57    | 114    | 57     | 0.26 | primary         |
| 090 azimuth | 114   | 291    | 177    | 0.40 | primary         |
|             | 291   | 370.33 | 79.33  | 0.27 | primary         |
| PA045       | 0     | 289    | 289    | 0.18 | primary         |
| angled 65   | 289   | 318.3  | 29.3   | -    | late dike       |
| 090 azimuth | 318.3 | 323    | 4.7    | 0.34 | primary         |
|             | 323   | 432    | 109    | 0.61 | primary         |
|             | 432   | 445.62 | 13.62  | 0.24 | primary         |
| PA046       | 0     | 58     | 58     | -    | leached/primary |
| angled 60   | 58    | 147    | 89     | -    | late dike       |
| 090 azimuth | 147   | 158.49 | 11.49  | 0.10 | late dike       |
| PA047       | 0     | 23.1   | 23.1   | -    | overburden      |
| angled 75   | 23.1  | 266.7  | 243.6  | 0.12 | primary         |
| 090 azimuth |       |        |        |      |                 |
| PA048       | 0     | 41     | 41     | -    | leached         |
|             | 41    | 273    | 232    | 0.49 | primary         |
|             | 273   | 316    | 43     | 0.90 | primary         |
|             | 316   | 350.52 | 34.52  | 0.47 | primary         |
| PA049       | 0     | 32     | 32     | -    | leached         |
| angled 70   | 32    | 350.52 | 318.52 | 0.65 | primary         |
| 090 azimuth |       |        |        |      |                 |
| PA050       | 0     | 35     | 35     | -    | leached         |
| angled 75   | 35    | 179    | 144    | 0.53 | primary         |
| 270 azimuth | 179   | 304.8  | 125.8  | 0.36 | primary         |
| PA051       | 0     | 29.5   | 29.5   | -    | leached         |
|             | 29.5  | 179.8  | 150.3  | 0.64 | primary         |
|             | 179.8 | 213    | 33.2   | -    | late dikes      |
|             | 213   | 251    | 38     | 0.19 | late dikes      |
|             | 251   | 460.85 | 209.85 | 0.72 | primary         |
| PA052       | 0     | 17.37  | 17.37  | -    | overburden      |
|             | 17.37 | 293.8  | 276.43 | 0.77 | primary         |
| includes    | 221   | 293.8  | 72.8   | 1.03 | primary         |
|             | 293.8 | 308.1  | 14.3   | -    | late dikes      |

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|-------|--------|------|------|-----------|
| 308.1 | 316.7  | 8.6  | 0.75 | primary   |
| 316.7 | 320.04 | 3.34 | -    | late dike |

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| Hole        | From | To     | Width  | Cu % | Zone       |
|-------------|------|--------|--------|------|------------|
| PA053       | 0    | 18     | 18     | -    | leached    |
| angled 60   | 18   | 102    | 84     | 0.67 | primary    |
| 260 azimuth | 102  | 225    | 123    | 0.26 | late dikes |
|             | 225  | 400.81 | 175.81 | 0.62 | primary    |

*\*All holes are drilled vertically except as indicated in the table*

The Qualified Person for this disclosure is John Drobe, P.Geo, Chief Geologist. The assay laboratory is ACME Analytical Laboratories Ltd.

#### 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 over 60,000 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. 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  
Chief Executive Officer

For further information, please contact Mr. Dan Carriere, Senior Vice-President  
at (604) 687-0449 or see our web site at [www.corriente.com](http://www.corriente.com).

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**CORRIENTE RESOURCES INC.**

(Registrant)

Date: December 12, 2006

By: /S/ DARRYL F. JONES  
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Title: Chief Financial Officer

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