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June 14, 2006

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FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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

For the month of June 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 2V6

(Address of principal executive offices)

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DOCUMENTS INCLUDED AS PART OF THIS REPORT

Document

1. News release, dated June 12, 2006, relating to the commencement of feasibility drilling at the combined Panantza and San Carlos Copper Project.

DOCUMENT 1

[GRAPHIC OMITTED]

Disclosure statements as required
by National Instrument 43-101 are
available at our website
www.corriente.com

"NEWS RELEASE"

For Immediate Release

June 12, 2006

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FEASIBILITY DRILLING TO START AT THE COMBINED PANANTZA  
AND SAN CARLOS COPPER PROJECT

Concurrent with the handoff of the Mirador Project from development to construction, Corriente is planning the start of diamond drilling prior to the end of June, on the Panantza project. This drilling will be part of a larger project which is designed to incorporate the Panantza and San Carlos concessions into a single large copper development opportunity with aggregate inferred resources of 1.05 Billion tonnes at a grade of 0.63% copper. As the two mineralized centres are only four kilometres apart, the plan will be to provide a single processing facility for both open pits.

This first phase of drilling will be the start of a planned two-year program to complete a feasibility study at Panantza and San Carlos, which will look at development scenarios with concentrator mill throughputs of up to 150,000 tonnes/day. This first phase of work will involve the drilling of 35 holes totaling 9500 metres with the purpose of expanding the Panantza portion of the project which is presently not constrained on the south and to define a new resource figure. This core will also supply the samples required for additional metallurgical studies to confirm the preliminary work that suggests the Panantza mineralization is similar to that of the Mirador project and will produce a clean copper concentrate with a high recovery of the contained copper.

Separately, a recent gold discovery has been announced on concessions approximately 10 km to the south of the Mirador property boundary, which are held by Aurelian Resources Inc. (see Aurelian's press release dated June 6 with news of a drill hole containing 189 metres assaying 24 g/t gold). Corriente has on its 60,000 hectares of concessions a number of gold anomalies, silica alteration zones and major north-south trending structures that have potential for significant gold discoveries. As a copper focused exploration and development company, Corriente has not carried out detailed exploration and has

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not completed any drilling of these targets. In light of the Aurelian discovery, Corriente will make an assessment of this ground to investigate the possibility of preparing a package of gold-focused concessions that could be the subject of a separate business transaction.

"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)

Certain statements contained in this News Release constitute forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements involve a number of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the company's plans to materially differ from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date the statements were made, and readers are advised to consider such forward-looking statements in light of the risks set forth in the company's continuous disclosure filings as found at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

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.

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(Registrant)

Date: June 14, 2006  
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By: /s/ Darryl F. Jones  
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Name: Darryl F. Jones  
Title: Chief Financial Officer