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Preliminary Assessment And Economic Evaluation Completed On
Cañariaco Norte Copper Project, Peru

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Vancouver, British Columbia, June 26th, 2006. Candente Resource Corp.
(DNT:TSX) ("Candente") is pleased to report that a Preliminary Assessment and Economic
Evaluation (PAEE) on the Cañariaco Norte deposit in northern Peru has been completed by
Merit Consultants
International Inc. (Merit).

Deposit

The Cañariaco Norte deposit has a potentially open pit mineable inferred resource of 489
million tonnes (Mt) with a near surface, highly leachable, Starter Zone of 100 Mt. The
total mixed resource grades 0.45% copper at a 0.2% copper cut-off of which 48.4% is
chalcocite with minor copper oxide (cct) and 51.6% is chalcopyrite (ccp). The Starter
Zone grades 0.52% copper, comprising 82.1% cct and 17.9% ccp. Leach testing by Kappes,
Cassiday & Associates, located in Nevada, shows recovery by heap leaching to be 75-80% of
the cct and 40% of the ccp after 220 days. The limits to the deposit are still unknown
and are believed to allow for a substantial increase in tonnage for the total deposit at
Cañariaco Norte as well as potential mineralization in two other nearby porphyry centres.

Mining, Processing and Project Development The development model being pursued at
Cañariaco Norte will utilize open pit mining (by contract), crushing, heap leaching of
chalcocite, copper oxide and chalcopyrite mineralization, and a solvent extraction
(SX) and electrowinning (EW) plant. LME Grade A copper cathode will be produced on site.
All proposed technology is well proven and is in common use internationally. The 100 Mt
Starter Zone will be mined at a rate of 30,000 tonnes per day (tpd) of ore or
approximately 11,000,000 tonnes per annum (tpa) of ore in Stage I. The 389 Mt Mixed Zone
will be mined at a rate of 60,000 tpd of ore, or over 17,000,000 tpa of ore in Stage II.
The strip ratio is conservatively estimated to be 1:1 but could be shown to be much less
once geotechnical engineering studies are completed. A reduction in strip ratio could
lower production costs substantially.

There is a real possibility that Stage II could involve construction and use of a milling
operation for higher copper, as well as gold and silver recoveries, but that scenario has
not been evaluated yet and will be the subject of future studies.

The timeline for project development into production is scheduled to be
2.5 to 3 years, including time for feasibility, environmental impact assessment and
permitting.

Costs

Capital costs (Cap Ex) for the 30,000 tpd Stage I of the project are estimated to be in
the order of US\$142 million (M), based on contract mining and including a US\$16 M for
contingency. The expansion to 60,000 tpd is estimated to cost approximately US\$67.5 M
and scheduled to come from revenues in year four. The estimate has an accuracy of \pm 30%
at this time, which is in keeping with studies at this level.

Using a price of \$2.00 per lb copper, an 8% discount rate and the criteria below Merit
has estimated the following:

. Total cash flow of approximately US\$1.9 Billion . Annual cash flow of an average US
\$76 M over the 25 year life of mine . NPV of US\$593 M . IRR of 56% . Payback for Stage
I Cap Ex in year two . Financing of Stage II through revenue generation

The financial analysis has been conducted using the following criteria:

- . 489 Mt of inferred resource
- . Two stages of project development
- . Total copper cathode production (LME grade A) approximately 2.7 billion pounds (1.23 million tonnes) over life of the mine . Annual copper cathode production (LME grade A) ranging from 82 to 164 M pounds per year (37 to 75 thousand tonnes per year) . Chalcocite: Cu recovery from leaching at 75% . Chalcopyrite: Cu recovery from leaching at 40% . A combined plant life of approximately 25 years . Capital and sustaining costs of approximately US\$315 million . IGV taxes (Peruvian GST) are not included since they are recoverable . Operating costs are estimated to be: \$0.58/lb Cu in Stage I and \$0.93/lb in Stage II . Cash flows include a sliding scale for royalties to the Peruvian government, 30% corporate taxes for profitable years, as well as the sunk costs associated with the current exploration program, feasibility, environmental study and permitting

In addition, cash flow analyses have been carried out at copper prices ranging from \$1.10 to \$3.50. The following table shows a summary of estimated NPV's, IRR's and Years for Payback at these various copper prices.

Cu Price	Discounted NPV's x \$1,000,000 (M)					Payback Years	IRR %
	0%	5%	8%	10%	15%		
1.10	\$272	\$103	\$55	\$33	\$0.5	6	15
1.25	\$554	\$239	\$149	\$109	\$47	5	25
1.50	\$1,016	\$457	\$299	\$229	\$121	3	36
1.75	\$1,488	\$685	\$457	\$356	\$200	2	49
2.00	\$1,927	\$888	\$593	\$463	\$263	2	56
2.50	\$2,846	\$1,327	\$897	\$707	\$414	2	76
3.00	\$3,762	\$1,766	\$1,200	\$949	\$563	1	95
3.50	\$4,612	\$2,149	\$1,453	\$1,146	\$675	1	96

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Candente will host a conference call and webcast to discuss the Preliminary Assessment and Economic Evaluation on Thursday June 29th, 2006 at 8:00am PST / 11:00 am EST. Participation can occur in one of two ways: to participate on the conference call, please dial 416-695-7848 or toll free 1-877-888-7019 prior to the scheduled start time. The call will be available for replay until July 12th, 2006 by calling 416-695-5275 or 1-888-509-0081 and using the Pass Code: 626379#. Alternatively, the live webcast can be accessed through the Company's website at www.candente.com, and will be archived on the Candente website afterwards.

Maps and cross-sections can be viewed at: http://www.candente.com/s/PeruProjects_Cañariaco.asp. The full PAEE report will also be available at the same web location as soon as it has been Sedar filed which should be within 48 hours.

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Candente is a diversified exploration company with copper, gold, silver, and zinc projects in Peru and Mexico. Candente subscribes to principles, which ensure that its exploration and development activities are beneficial to the local communities.

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