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Candente Copper Expands the Cañariaco Copper Property

Vancouver, British Columbia, March 30th, 2022. Candente Copper Corp. (TSX:DNT, BVL:DNT, US:CCOUF) ("Candente Copper" or "the Company") is pleased to announce that the Company has acquired additional mineral concessions which provide a considerable expansion to the current land position for the Cañariaco copper project located in Northern Peru.

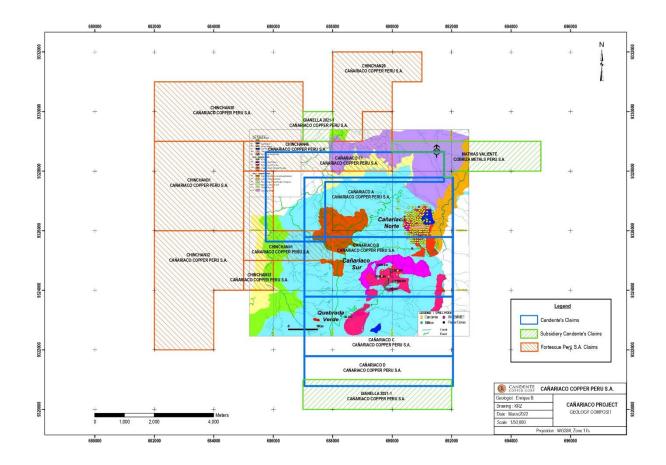
In 2019, the Cañariaco property held by the Company comprised of 5 mineral concessions covering 4,290 hectares. This has now been increased to 15 mineral concessions covering 10,190 hectares. Three of the mineral concessions were acquired directly by subsidiaries of the Company in 2020 and 2021 and seven were acquired from Fortescue Peru SA on March 8, 2022. Fortescue Peru S.A. acquired these claims in late January 2020.

The new mineral rights expand the Cañariaco property to the west, northwest, north, northeast and to the south.

With the financing by Lind (<u>Candente Copper NR 147 dated March 23, 2022</u>) underway, the Company is now completing its review of the recently completed 2022 Preliminary Economic Assessment (the "2022 PEA") by Ausenco and moving forward to issue Requests for Proposals for both the Definitive Feasibility Study and the Detailed Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") Study both to advance Cañariaco Norte. Drilling permit applications are also being prepared for further drilling at Cañariaco Sur and initial drilling at Quebrada Verde.

"We are very pleased with what is a considerable expansion of our land position with adjacent concessions to further explore and to provide additional ground around our key deposit areas whilst moving towards a Definitive Feasibility Study for Cañariaco Norte" stated Joanne C. Freeze, Company President and CEO.

The recently acquired concessions are identified in the map below and on the Company website.



About Candente Copper

The Company's flagship project is Cañariaco, within which Cañariaco Norte, is the 10th largest late-stage copper resource in the world and 6th highest in grade (RFC Ambrian, December 2021 and Haywood, December 2021). In addition to Cañariaco Norte, the Cañariaco Project, includes the Cañariaco Sur deposit and Quebrada Verde prospect, all within a 4km NE-SW trend in northern Peru's prolific mining district.

The Company is very pleased to now have Cañariaco Norte included in 4 research reports that compare various global copper projects. **RFC Ambrian:** Cañariaco Norte in top 10 of 23 projects with potential to involve third party M&A (December 2021); **Haywood:** Cañariaco Norte is one of 18 assets selected as likely to be considered by majors looking to acquire (December 2021); **Deutsche Bank:** Cañariaco Norte identified as one of 3 projects required to meet the upcoming copper supply-demand gap (February 2021); **Goldman Sachs:** Cañariaco Norte identified with incentive copper price in the lowest quartile of the top 84 copper projects worldwide (October 2018).

Joanne Freeze, P.Geo., President, CEO, Director is the Qualified Person as defined by National Instrument 43-101 for the projects discussed above. She has reviewed and approved the contents of this release.

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Known risk factors include risks associated with exploration and project development; the need for additional financing; the calculation of mineral resources; operational risks associated with mining and mineral processing; fluctuations in metal prices; title matters; government regulation; obtaining and renewing necessary licenses and permits; environmental liability and insurance; reliance on key personnel; local community opposition; currency fluctuations; labour disputes; competition; dilution; the volatility of our common share price and volume; future sales of shares by existing shareholders; and other risk factors described in the Company's annual information form and other filings with Canadian securities regulators, which may be viewed at www.sedar.com. Although we have attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements, there may be other factors that cause actions, events or results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. There can be no assurance that forward-looking statements will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. We are under no obligation to update or alter any forward-looking statements except as required under applicable securities laws.

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On behalf of the Board of Candente Copper Corp.

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