

## **NEWS RELEASE**

### ***RICHMONT MINES ANNOUNCES THE COMPLETION OF A BULK SAMPLE OF 25,900 TONNES FROM THE EAST AMPHI PROPERTY***

MONTREAL, January 6, 2006 – Richmont Mines announces that the milling of a bulk sample of 25,900 tonnes from the East Amphi project has been completed on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006. Of this tonnage, 15,800 tonnes were provided from the mining of the first four stopes of the B2 Zone while 10,100 came from development work. The average daily performance at the mill was 1,042 tonnes per day.

Furthermore, at the end of December 2005, Richmont Mines has received a rock mechanic report for the A Zone. The technical staff of Richmont Mines is currently working on a mining plan to select the mining methods adapted to the A Zone in order to complete the interpretation of the reserves in this sector.

The complete results of the bulk sample and the calculation of the reserves and the resources of the East Amphi project will be released as soon as they become available, approximately on January 20, 2006.

Richmont Mines is a gold producer focusing its activities in the Canadian provinces of Ontario, Quebec and Newfoundland. Richmont Mines has no long-term debt and has no hedging contracts on gold or on currency. The Company has 21 million shares outstanding.

Martin Rivard  
President and CEO

**Disclosure regarding forward-looking statements**

This news release contains forward-looking statements that include risks and uncertainties. The factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated in such forward-looking statements include changes in the prevailing price of gold, the Canadian-American exchange rate, grade of ore mined and unforeseen difficulties in mining operations that could affect revenues and production costs. Other factors such as uncertainties regarding government regulations could also affect the results. Other risks may be detailed in Richmont Mines' Annual Information Form, Annual Report and periodic reports.

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REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of January, 2006.

Commission File Number 0-28816

Richmont Mines Inc.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

110, avenue Principale, Rouyn-Noranda (Quebec) J9X 4P2

(Address of principal executive office)

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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.

Richmont Mines Inc.

(Registrant)

Date January 6, 2006

By Jean-Yves Laliberté (signed)

(Signature)\*

Jean-Yves Laliberté

Vice President, Finance

\* Print the name and title under the signature of the signing officer.

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