

Ecuador set to sign \$3bn mining contracts

Ecuador is poised to sign contracts with two Canadian-listed mining companies for the development of large copper and gold projects in the mineral-rich Andean nation, a total investment worth \$3 billion



1 Fruta del Norte: Ecuador's largest gold project, estimated reserves of 6.8m ounces, to be developed by ***Kinross Gold***

2 Mirador: Copper mine, with estimated reserves of 10 billion pounds, to be worked on by ***Ecuacorriente*** – affiliate of Canada's ***Corriente Resources***

Other potential contracts

3 Rio Blanco: Gold-silver project – potential development by Canadian mineral exploration company ***International Minerals***

4 Panantza-San Carlos: Copper deposit – ***Ecuacorriente***

5 Quimsacocha: Gold-copper-silver mine – Toronto-based gold-mining company ***IAMGold***