

Vancouver, British Columbia--(Newsfile Corp. - May 17, 2016) - Cardero Resource Corp. (TSX: CDU) (FSE: CR5) ("Cardero" or the "Company") reports that it has applied to list the common shares of the Company on the TSX Venture Exchange ("Venture"). The Company has submitted its application and believes that it meets or exceeds all Venture listing requirements. Assuming that the application is successful, the Company will voluntarily de-list from the TSX.

The Company cautions shareholders that there is no guarantee that it will be accepted to list on the Venture.

ABOUT CARDERO RESOURCE CORP.

The common shares of the Company are currently listed on the TSX (symbol CDU) and the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (symbol CR5). For further details on the Company readers are referred to the Company's web site (www.cardero.com), Canadian regulatory filings on SEDAR at www.sedar.com and United States regulatory filings on EDGAR at www.sec.gov.

On Behalf of the Board of Directors of
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