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**NIAGARA CORPORATION ANNOUNCES RECORD RESULTS
FOR THE YEAR AND FOURTH QUARTER**

New York, March 1, 2005 - Niagara Corporation (OTC: NGCD.PK) announced today record results for the year and quarter ended December 31, 2004.

For 2004, sales increased to \$433.4 million from \$295.3 million in 2003. Net income for the year was \$18,559,000 compared to \$1,608,000 for 2003, and net income per share for the year increased to \$2.25 (basic) and \$2.24 (diluted) versus \$.20 (basic and diluted) for 2003. Results for 2004 reflect a LIFO charge of approximately \$17.0 million. The LIFO charge for 2003 was approximately \$.2 million.

Comparing the fourth quarters ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, sales increased to \$114.2 million from \$72.8 million, net income was \$4,621,000 versus a net loss of \$951,000, and net income per share was \$.55 (basic) and \$.54 (diluted) compared to a net loss per share of \$.12 (basic and diluted) for 2003. The results for the quarter ended December 31, 2004 reflect a LIFO charge of approximately \$5.9 million. The LIFO charge for the comparable quarter in 2003 was approximately \$.2 million.

In commenting on these results, Michael Scharf, Chairman and CEO of Niagara, stated:

“Niagara had outstanding fourth quarter and full year results. Most analysts cited the “Chinese effect” as the cause of the rapidly rising steel prices throughout 2004. This was certainly the primary factor that benefited Niagara and led to our record performance, but it was not the sole factor. Because of Niagara’s long-standing, varied and strong relationships with numerous suppliers, Niagara had, throughout the year, adequate inventories to service our customers. Our sales and production personnel worked well together to make certain that our key accounts “came first” in the allocation of raw material and finished goods.

Rapidly rising prices also enabled our U.K. operations to turn in a year of respectable profitability. The pound sterling/dollar exchange rate negatively impacted exports to the U.S., but the pound/euro relationship helped us secure new business in Europe.



Niagara's debt levels continue to decline, and long-term debt was reduced by \$14.2 million in 2004. We anticipate further reductions in 2005. Because of its strong performance in 2004, Niagara was able to pay its first cash dividend in the amount of \$.25 per share. Recognizing that extraordinary years such as 2004 are just that - extraordinary - your management is committed to retaining the Company's deregistered status because on a short- and long-term basis, the cost savings are significant. We are also continuing to work hard to reduce operating costs, to integrate more fully our IT systems with those of our customers and suppliers, and to upgrade our equipment at all of our facilities.

I do not anticipate that 2005 results will be as strong as those achieved in 2004, but I am reasonably confident that Niagara will perform well in the context of overall conditions in the cold finished steel bar segment of the steel industry in which we operate.

Niagara's Annual Report will be posted shortly on the Company's website (www.niag.com)."

(Table Follows)



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Selected Financial Data

	<u>Year Ended</u> <u>December 31, 2003</u>	<u>Year Ended</u> <u>December 31, 2004</u>
Revenues	\$ 295,293,000	\$ 433,449,000
Net Income	\$ 1,608,000	\$ 18,559,000
Share Earnings		
(basic)	\$.20	\$ 2.25
(diluted)	\$.20	\$ 2.24
Average Shares		
(basic)	8,238,517	8,244,270
(diluted)	8,238,517	8,273,409
	<u>Three Months Ended</u> <u>December 31, 2003</u>	<u>Three Months Ended</u> <u>December 31, 2004</u>
Revenues	\$ 72,755,000	\$ 114,230,000
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (951,000)	\$ 4,621,000
Share Earnings (Loss)		
(basic)	\$ (.12)	\$.55
(diluted)	\$ (.12)	\$.54
Average Shares		
(basic)	8,238,517	8,261,594
(diluted)	8,238,517	8,492,745

This release contains certain “forward-looking statements” made pursuant to the “safe-harbor” provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which are beyond the control of the Company, that may cause the Company’s actual results to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such statements. Such risks, uncertainties and other factors include those described in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003. The forward-looking statements made herein are only made as of the date of this release, and the Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update such forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances.

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