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NEWS RELEASE

US\$6.3 million Budget Approved for Marcona Copper Project

Toronto, January 26, 2005 - Chariot Resources Limited (Chariot) announced today that its 70% owned Peruvian subsidiary company, Marcobre SAC, approved a preliminary US\$6,292,000 Work Plan and Budget for 2005 to advance the development of the Marcona Copper Project which is located in southern Peru. Chariot and its joint venture partners, Korea Resources Corporation and LG-Nikko Copper Inc., which together own 30% of the project, held their first board meeting in Toronto yesterday after acquiring the project on December 30, 2004.

The Marcona Copper Project is located approximately 500km south of Lima and is situated within 10km of the Pan American Highway, 25 km from two deep seawater ports and 10km from the main power grid and existing known water aquifers. The Project, which was discovered by Rio Tinto in 2002, covers approximately 32,899 ha and comprises of a number of prospects of which the Mina Justa Prospect is the most advanced. Independent consultants, AMEC have previously estimated an Inferred Mineral Resource for the Mina Justa Prospect of 218.3 million tonnes at a grade of 0.80% Cu which is equivalent to approximately 1.75 million tonnes of copper.

The 2005 Work Plan and Budget incorporates approximately 37,000m of reverse circulation and diamond drilling to evaluate exploration targets that have the best potential to increase the current Inferred Mineral Resource.

Chariot has identified 20 additional target areas (60% of which are drill ready) at the Marcona Copper Project which it believes represent the best chance for exploration success and warrant additional exploration expenditure. The Corporation believes that the targets have the potential to add up to 368 million tonnes to the resource base. A selected proportion of the higher priority targets will be the focus of the 2005 Work Plan and Budget. The potential quantities and grades for the target areas are conceptual in nature (insofar as there has been insufficient exploration to define a mineral resource as defined by The Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum) and are based on surface exposures of the mineralization, soil sample results, geophysical surveys and limited drilling. There can be no assurance that the further exploration proposed by Chariot with respect to the targets will result in the establishment of additional mineral resources (as defined by the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum). AMEC has reviewed the geological data developed by Chariot on each of the target areas and has concluded that the targeted

range of tonnages and grades are reasonable and that potential exists to increase the resource base of the Marcona Copper Project.

Marcobre will also commence an Environmental, Health, Safety and Community Program that will define water supply sources, review existing port infrastructure and power capacity, initiate baseline studies for the Environmental Social Impact Assessment report, commence a community relations program and define permits and surface rights.

Mr. Alex Black, Chairman, Executive Vice President said, “Chariot is looking forward to this exciting phase of the company’s growth. We are in a unique and envious position at this time of our company’s development having two major Korean corporations as our joint venture partners in taking the project forward. The Marcona Copper Project, having only been discovered in 2002, is considered by management to be the best new undeveloped copper project in South America. Chariot has set its objective on being the next mid-tier copper company to be listed on the TSX and should accomplish this objective during the next 24 months.”

Chariot Resources Limited (TSX:CHD) and its subsidiaries are engaged in the acquisition, exploration and development of mineral resource properties primarily located in South America. Additional detail about the Company’s projects can be viewed on the Company’s website at www.chariotresources.com

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