

CENTENNIAL, Colo., March 01, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [NioCorp Developments Ltd.](#) ("NioCorp" or the "Company") (TSX:NB) (OTCQX:NIOBF) (FSE:BR3) is pleased to announce the closing of the second and final tranche (the "Second Tranche Closing") of its non-brokered private placement (the "Offering") announced January 27, 2017. Aggregate gross proceeds for the Offering (including both the first and the final tranche) totaled approximately C\$5.16 million. Pursuant to the Offering the Company issued an aggregate total of 7,364,789 units of the Company ("Units") at a price of C\$0.70 per Unit. Each Unit was comprised of one common share of the Company and one common share purchase warrant (each a "Warrant"). Each Warrant entitles the holder to acquire a common share of the Company at a price of C\$0.85 for a period of three years from their date of issuance.

NioCorp closed the first tranche of the Offering on February 14, 2017, consisting of the issuance of 3,860,800 Units, at a price of C\$0.70 per Unit, for gross proceeds of C\$2,702,560. The Second Tranche Closing consisted of the issuance of 3,503,989 Units at a price of C\$0.70 per Unit, for gross proceeds of C\$2,452,792.

The Offering originally was intended to raise aggregate gross proceeds of up to C\$2.0 million when announced on January 27, 2017. As a result of positive investor response to the Offering, it was increased multiple times prior to the Second Tranche Closing. Final aggregate gross proceeds from the Offering were more than 2.5 times higher than the initial offering amount, representing an increase of 158%.

Net proceeds from the Offering will be used by the Company for continued development of NioCorp's Elk Creek Superalloy Materials Project and for general corporate purposes. The Company paid cash commissions of C\$87,527 and issued 78,342 broker warrants (having the same terms as the Warrants) in connection with the Private Placement to brokers outside of the United States. All securities issued pursuant to the Private Placement are subject to a hold period under Canadian law expiring four (4) months and one day from closing and are subject to resale restrictions under United States securities laws.

"The entire NioCorp family extends a warm welcome to our new investors and a heartfelt thanks to the many existing investors who added to their position through this offering," said Mark A. Smith, Executive Chairman and CEO of NioCorp.

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On Behalf of the Board of Directors,

"Mark Smith"

Mark Smith
Executive Chairman, CEO, and Director

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About NioCorp

NioCorp is developing a superalloy materials project in Southeast Nebraska that will produce Niobium, Scandium, and Titanium. Niobium is used to produce superalloys as well as High Strength, Low Alloy ("HSLA") steel, which is a lighter, stronger steel used in automotive, structural, and pipeline applications. Scandium is a superalloy material that can be combined with Aluminum to make alloys with increased strength and improved corrosion resistance. Scandium also is a critical component of advanced solid oxide fuel cells. Titanium is used in various superalloys and is a key component of pigments used in paper, paint and plastics and is also used for aerospace applications, armor and medical implants.

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