

NioCorp Secures Extension Agreements with Additional Nebraska Landowners for its Proposed Elk Creek Superalloy Materials Project

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CENTENNIAL, Jan. 9, 2020 - [NioCorp Developments Ltd.](#) ("NioCorp" or the "Company") (TSX: NB; OTCQX: NIOBF) is pleased to announce that it has secured legal agreements with several additional southeastern Nebraska landowners to extend the Company's option to purchase land parcels planned for use as part of its proposed Elk Creek Superalloy Materials Project (the "Project").

The extension agreements, which cover a total of 226 acres of land, involve two land parcels subject to option to purchase agreements that were set to expire in 2020. Over the past six weeks, NioCorp has secured extensions of option-to-purchase agreements that cover 1,232 acres (1.92 square miles), and the Company is currently negotiating extension agreements on several other land parcels. In the event that sufficient project financing is obtained, the Company intends to purchase land parcels as required by the Project schedule.

"We continue to be pleased with the fast pace that these agreements are being negotiated and closed," said Scott Honan, President of Elk Creek Resources Corp. "The working partnerships that NioCorp has developed with landowners in southeast Nebraska are key to the success of the Elk Creek Project, and the continuing strong support we are receiving from area residents, business owners, government representatives, and community leaders in the state has been very gratifying."

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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.

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements contained in this document may constitute forward-looking statements, including statements regarding the Company's expectation that it will be able to secure any extension agreements that are needed with Nebraska landowners, that it will be able to exercise land purchase options, and that it will secure financing necessary to move the Project to construction and operation. Readers are cautioned that such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may

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