

# Maria Bartiromo to Feature NioCorp on Monday, September 22, 2025

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[NioCorp Developments Ltd.](#) ("NioCorp" or the "Company") (NASDAQ:NB) is pleased to announce that Mark A. Smith, Executive Chairman and CEO of NioCorp Developments Ltd., will appear on Fox Business News' "Mornings with Maria" show hosted by Maria Bartiromo at 6:30 a.m. Eastern on Monday, September 22, 2025.

Mr. Smith is leading the effort to develop the Elk Creek Critical Minerals Project in Nebraska (the "Elk Creek Project"), the nation's only critical minerals project containing niobium, scandium, titanium, and rare earths and which is fully permitted to start construction, has completed Feasibility Study-level metallurgy for its planned products, and has established a Mineral Resource supported by a Regulation S-K 1300-compliant Technical Report Summary.<sup>[[1]]</sup>

Niobium is coming increasingly in focus given the U.S.'s 100% reliance on imports of the critical mineral and its extensive uses in advanced steels, aerospace and hypersonic missile systems, virtually all naval defense vessels, and many other major defense applications. A small addition of niobium doubles steel yield strength, making it indispensable for pipelines, bridges, turbines, autos/trucks/trains, fighter jets, naval ships/subs, and space delivery systems.

Only three niobium mines operate worldwide - two in Brazil and one in Canada. Brazil's mines meet >90% of global demand. However, China exerts significant influence over global niobium supply chains through ownership of Brazil's Catalão niobium mine by a Chinese state-controlled entity (China Molybdenum) and a Chinese consortium's ownership of 15% of Brazil's Araxa mine, which itself accounts for greater than 80% of global niobium production.

"Mornings with Maria" is the number one pre-market business news program in cable. Ms. Bartiromo also anchors Sunday Morning Futures (10 AM/ET) on FOX News Channel (FNC), which routinely ranks as the highest rated show on Sundays in cable news. In April 2017, Bartiromo was also named the anchor for FBN's weekly primetime investing program Maria Bartiromo's Wall Street (Fridays, 7 PM/ET).

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## ABOUT NIOCORP

NioCorp is developing a critical minerals project in Southeast Nebraska (the "Elk Creek Project") that is expected to produce niobium, scandium, and titanium. The Company also is evaluating the potential to produce several rare earths from the Elk Creek Project. Niobium is used to produce specialty alloys as well as High Strength, Low Alloy steel, which is a lighter, stronger steel used in automotive, structural, and pipeline applications. Scandium is a specialty metal that can be combined with Aluminum to make alloys with

increased strength and improved corrosion resistance. Scandium is also a critical component of advanced solid oxide fuel cells. Titanium is used in various lightweight alloys and is a key component of pigments used in paper, paint and plastics and is also used for aerospace applications, armor, and medical implants. Magnetic rare earths, such as neodymium, praseodymium, terbium, and dysprosium are critical to the making of Neodymium-Iron-Boron magnets, which are used across a wide variety of defense and civilian applications.

## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and forward-looking information within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities laws. Forward-looking statements may include, but are not limited to, statements regarding increasing market focus on global production of niobium and the role that Brazil and China play in niobium supply chains and the uses of niobium in various technologies and platforms; progress toward securing sufficient project financing to complete the construction of the Elk Creek Project and move it into commercial production; and NioCorp's expectation to produce niobium, scandium and titanium and the potential to produce rare earths at the Elk Creek Project. Forward-looking statements are typically identified by words such as "plan," "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "outlook," "estimate," "forecast," "project," "continue," "could," "may," "might," "possible," "potential," "predict," "should," "would" and other similar words and expressions, but the absence of these words does not mean that a statement is not forward-looking.

The forward-looking statements are based on the current expectations of the management of NioCorp and are inherently subject to uncertainties and changes in circumstances and their potential effects and speak only as of the date of such statement. There can be no assurance that future developments will be those that have been anticipated. Forward-looking statements reflect material expectations and assumptions, including, without limitation, expectations, and assumptions relating to: NioCorp's ability to receive sufficient project financing for the construction of the Elk Creek Project on acceptable terms, or at all; the future price of metals; and the stability of the financial and capital markets. Such expectations and assumptions are inherently subject to uncertainties and contingencies regarding future events and, as such, are subject to change. Forward-looking statements involve a number of risks, uncertainties or other factors that may cause actual results or performance to be materially different from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, those discussed and identified in public filings made by NioCorp with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and with the applicable Canadian securities regulatory authorities and the following: NioCorp's ability to operate as a going concern; NioCorp's requirement of significant additional capital; NioCorp's ability to receive sufficient project financing for the construction of the Elk Creek Project on acceptable terms, or at all; NioCorp's ability to receive a final commitment of financing from the Export-Import Bank of the United States or other debt financing or financial support on acceptable timelines, on acceptable terms, or at all; NioCorp's ability to achieve the required milestones and receive the full \$10.0 million in reimbursement under the Project Sub-Agreement with Advanced Technology International, an entity acting on behalf of the Defense Industrial Base Consortium under the authority of the U.S. Department of War; NioCorp's ability to access the full amount of the expected net proceeds under the standby equity purchase agreement with YA II PN, Ltd., an investment fund managed by Yorkville Advisors Global, LP (the "Yorkville Equity Facility Financing Agreement"); NioCorp's ability to continue to meet the listing standards of The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC; risks relating to NioCorp's common shares, including price volatility, lack of dividend payments and dilution or the perception of the likelihood of any of the foregoing; the extent to which NioCorp's level of indebtedness and/or the terms contained in agreements governing NioCorp's indebtedness, if any, the Yorkville Equity Facility Financing Agreement or other agreements may impair NioCorp's ability to obtain additional financing, on acceptable terms, or at all; covenants contained in agreements with NioCorp's secured creditors that may affect its assets; NioCorp's limited operating history; NioCorp's history of losses; the material weaknesses in NioCorp's internal control over financial reporting, NioCorp's efforts to remediate such material weaknesses and the timing of remediation; the possibility that NioCorp may qualify as a passive foreign investment company under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"); the potential that the business combination with GX Acquisition Corp. II and other related transactions could result in NioCorp becoming subject to materially adverse U.S. federal income tax consequences as a result of the application of Section 7874 and related sections of the Code; cost increases for NioCorp's exploration and, if warranted, development projects; a disruption in, or failure of, NioCorp's information technology systems, including those related to cybersecurity; equipment and supply shortages; variations in the market demand for, and prices of, niobium, scandium, titanium and rare earth products; current and future offtake agreements, joint ventures, and partnerships, including NioCorp's ability to negotiate extensions to existing agreements or to enter into new agreements, on favorable terms or at all; NioCorp's ability to attract qualified management; estimates of mineral resources and reserves; mineral exploration and production activities; feasibility study results; the results of metallurgical testing; the results of technological research; changes in demand for and price of commodities (such as fuel and electricity) and currencies; competition in the mining industry;

changes or disruptions in the securities markets; legislative, political or economic developments, including changes in federal and/or state laws that may significantly affect the mining industry; trade policies and tensions, including tariffs; inflationary pressures; the impacts of climate change, as well as actions taken or required by governments related to strengthening resilience in the face of potential impacts from climate change; the need to obtain permits and comply with laws and regulations and other regulatory requirements; the timing and reliability of sampling and assay data; the possibility that actual results of work may differ from projections/expectations or may not realize the perceived potential of NioCorp's projects; risks of accidents, equipment breakdowns, and labor disputes or other unanticipated difficulties or interruptions; the possibility of cost overruns or unanticipated expenses in development programs; operating or technical difficulties in connection with exploration, mining, or development activities; management of the water balance at the Elk Creek Project site; land reclamation requirements related to the Elk Creek Project; the speculative nature of mineral exploration and development, including the risks of diminishing quantities of grades of reserves and resources; claims on the title to NioCorp's properties; potential future litigation; and NioCorp's lack of insurance covering all of NioCorp's operations.

Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize or should any of the assumptions made by the management of NioCorp prove incorrect, actual results may vary in material respects from those projected in these forward-looking statements.

All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements concerning the matters addressed herein and attributable to NioCorp or any person acting on its behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements contained or referred to herein. Except to the extent required by applicable law or regulation, NioCorp undertakes no obligation to update these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

[[1]] NioCorp is currently conducting technical and economic analyses on the potential addition of rare earths to its planned product suite. No economic analysis has been completed on the rare earth mineral resource. Final determination of possible rare earth production can be made only after work related to a mineral reserve update, additional engineering, updated project capital and operating cost estimates, and other required information is produced for publication in a new Feasibility Study.

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