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# Globally Significant Critical Mineral Project in North America

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## WHAT IS NIOBIUM?

- Niobium is an important metal with extreme hardness.
- Listed as critical to the economy in North America & EU.
- Small amounts added to steel to strengthen it.
- Less steel needed, called dematerialization.

## SUPPLY & DEMAND RISK

- Concentrated supply: 90% of production from Brazil.
- Concentrated demand: 80% of Niobium is used in construction & steel production.
- Expected increase in demand due to niobium oxide battery technology.

## MINERALOGY MATTERS

- Project is hosted by a Carbonatite, a very rare but ideal host rock.
- Carbonatites have much higher probability of being a successful mine – 10x the average.

## Niobium

/nar'oubiəm/ - ni-o-bi-um

Nb

Niobium  
92.906

(noun) a soft grey ductile metallic element used in alloys; occurs as niobite; formerly called columbium



### Niobium Market Size:

<https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/niobium-market-size-to-grow-usd-1907-8-million-by-2030-at-a-cagr-of-3-6--valuates-reports-302057631.html#:~:text=The%20Global%20Market%20for%20Niobium,the%20forecast%20period%202024%2D2030.>

### Steel Market Size:

<https://www.grandviewresearch.com/industry-analysis/steel-market>

**Lithium Market Size:** [https://straitsresearch.com/report/lithiummarket#:~:text=Market%20Overview,period%20\(2023%2D2031\).](https://straitsresearch.com/report/lithiummarket#:~:text=Market%20Overview,period%20(2023%2D2031).)

### Battery Market Size:

<https://www.grandviewresearch.com/industry-analysis/battery-market#:~:text=The%20global%20battery%20market%20size%20was%20estimated%20at%20USD%20104.31,USD%20118.20%20billion%20in%202022.>

# Leadership Team



## Board of Directors

### Jody Dahrouge, P.GEO, DIRECTOR

Mr. Dahrouge is a professional geologist with over twenty-five years of experience in Canada and Internationally, and has a successful background in base metals, industrial minerals, rare earth metals and uranium exploration. Since 1998, Mr. Dahrouge has been the president of Dahrouge Geological Consulting Ltd., a geological services company that provides consulting services to a broad range of public and private exploration and mining companies.

He is a professional geologist (Alberta) and holds Bachelor of Science degrees in geology and computing science, both from the University of Alberta. Mr. Dahrouge has been involved in all aspects of mineral exploration and development for a wide variety of commodities worldwide.



**President of Dahrouge Geological, the team acquired and discovered the Patriot Battery Metals (TSX: PMET) Corvette property.**

### Darren L. Smith, M.SC., P.GEO, DIRECTOR

With more than 17 years experience in the industry, Mr. Smith specializes in high-level project management including program design and implementation, technical reporting, land management, community engagement, and technical disclosure. He has provided technical oversight for PEA, PFS, and FS level projects as well as complex metallurgical programs.

Mr. Smith's experience includes carbonatite complexes & associated metals (Ta, Nb, Sc, REEs), Li (brine, sediment, pegmatite), Co, U, phosphate, fluorspar, as well as base & precious metals. In 2009, Darren & his team discovered one of the world's largest REE deposits (Ashram), and in 2017 discovered the Corvette lithium pegmatite district, where one of the largest lithium pegmatites in the world (CV5) has been defined through drilling by the Company.



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### Sean Charland, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PRESIDENT, DIRECTOR

Mr. Charland has worked for over 15 years in capital markets & resource exploration. His experience is focused on raising capital, mergers & acquisitions, marketing public resources companies and managing diverse teams. Most recently is a director of Alpha Lithium, which was recently acquired for over \$300M. Mr. Charland leads as CEO for both Apex Critical Metals and Zimtu Capital, and serves as a director at Maple Gold Mines and Core Assets Corp.



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### Jody Bellefleur, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DIRECTOR



Ms. Bellefleur is a CPA with over twenty-five years of experience as a corporate accountant, focusing exclusively on public companies for the last 10 years. Ms. Bellefleur obtained her B.Comm degree from the University of British Columbia in April 1994.



# Corporate Snapshot



## Capital Structure (Nov. 2024)

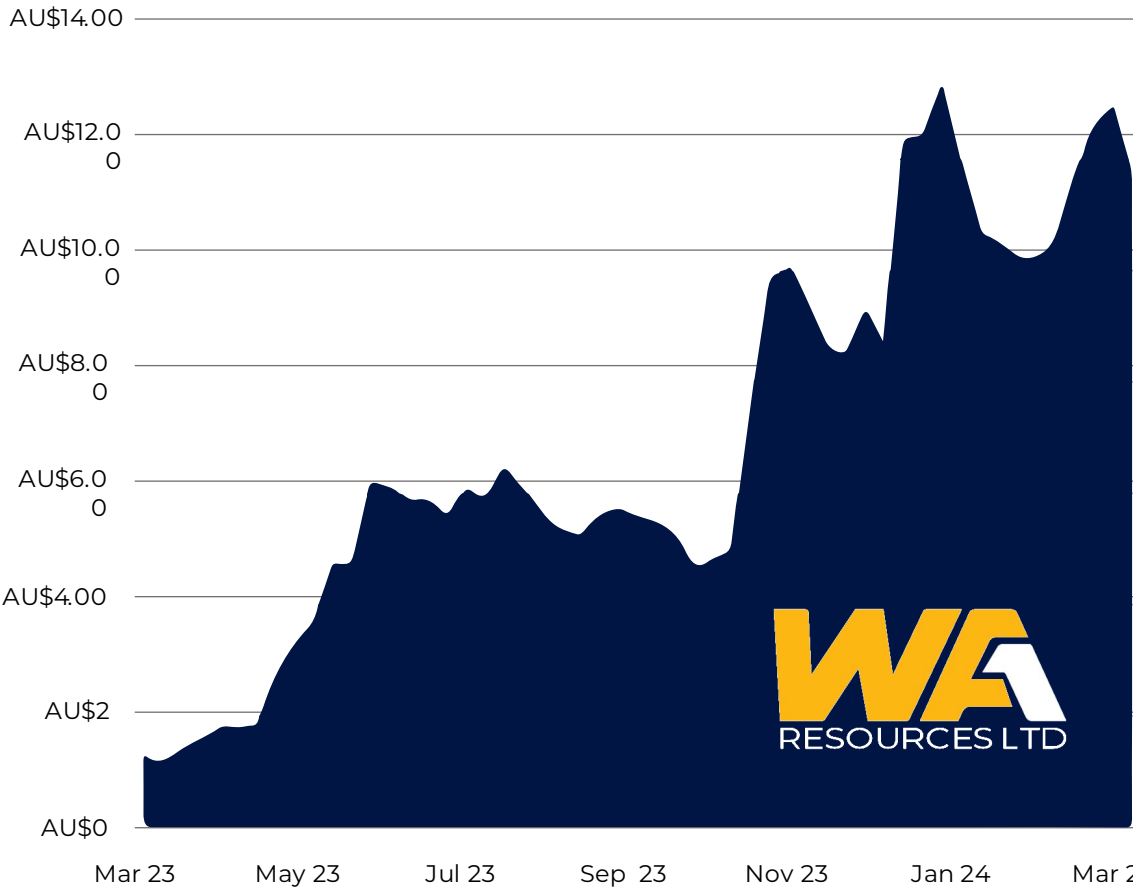
Shares Outstanding:	42,659,399
Fully Diluted:	79,640,600

STOCK OPTIONS	WARRANTS		
2.25 M	34.7 M	3.75 M @ 0.400 expiring July 2025 Potential Proceeds: \$1.5 M	3.75 M @ 0.400 expiring August 2025 Potential Proceeds: \$1.5 M
14.99 M @ 0.067 expiring December 2025 Potential Proceeds: \$1.0 M		11.32 M @ 0.100 expiring April 2026 Potential Proceeds: \$1.13 M	906.3 K @ 0.667 expiring September 2026 Potential Proceeds: \$604.5 K

## Share Ownership



## Comparable Company Stock Performance



# Investment Highlights



## CRITICAL MINERAL PROJECT

Developing a niobium project listed as critical to the US & EU.



## LIMITED SUPPLY

Global production of niobium is limited with over 91% sourced from one country (Brazil).



## DEMAND INCREASING

Technological innovation & green energy applications are driving a significant demand in niobium.



## EXCEPTIONAL FUNDAMENTALS

Carbonatite host, simple pyrochlore mineralogy with encouraging early exploration results.



## PROVEN TEAM

Team with a history of discovery & successful M&A.



## SOLID STRUCTURE

Well structured & financed with strategic investors.

# What is a Carbonatite?

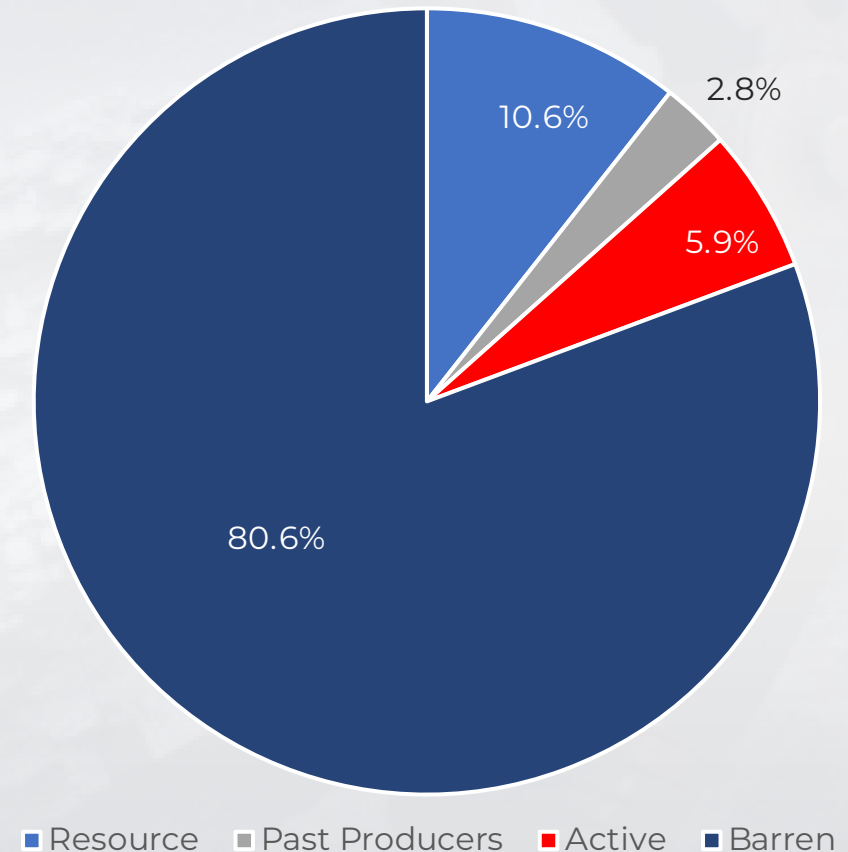
## How is it Formed?

- Rich carbonate mineral makeup (>50%), appearing typically as intrusive plugs or in forms like dykes, sills, breccias, or veins
- Enriched with elements like niobium, rare earth elements, phosphorus, tantalum, scandium, and titanium
- Carbonatites are relatively rare in geology, with notable sites including Araxá, Bayan Obo, Mt. Weld, Mountain Pass, and Palabora

## Economic Importance

- Produce essential elements like niobium and rare earth elements, crucial for high-tech industries.
- Carbonatite production drives economic development in energy, defense, and electronics sectors.

## Carbonatite Deposits



# Niobium Demand

## Drivers of Demand

### ENERGY



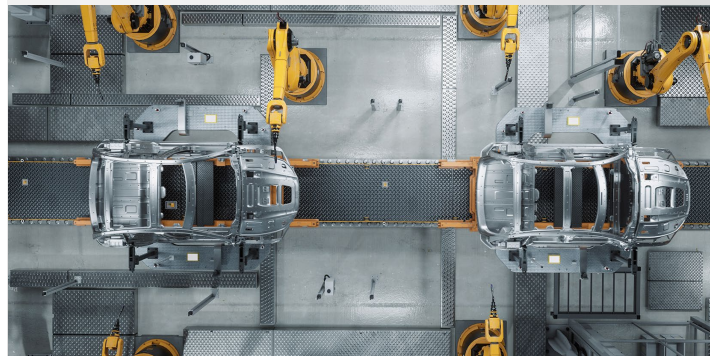
EV Batteries (fast charging, longer charges). Wind Turbines (longer life), Solar Panels (ultra-compact, highly-efficient)

**10%**  
OF DEMAND



EXPECTED GROWTH

### MOBILITY



High-strength steel, lighter cars, press-hardened steels are stronger.

**10%**  
OF DEMAND



EXPECTED GROWTH

### CONSTRUCTION



Small addition of niobium reduces amount of total structural steel used (20%) in projects – thus, reduced cost

**80%**  
OF DEMAND



EXPECTED GROWTH



# Disconnect of Supply & Demand

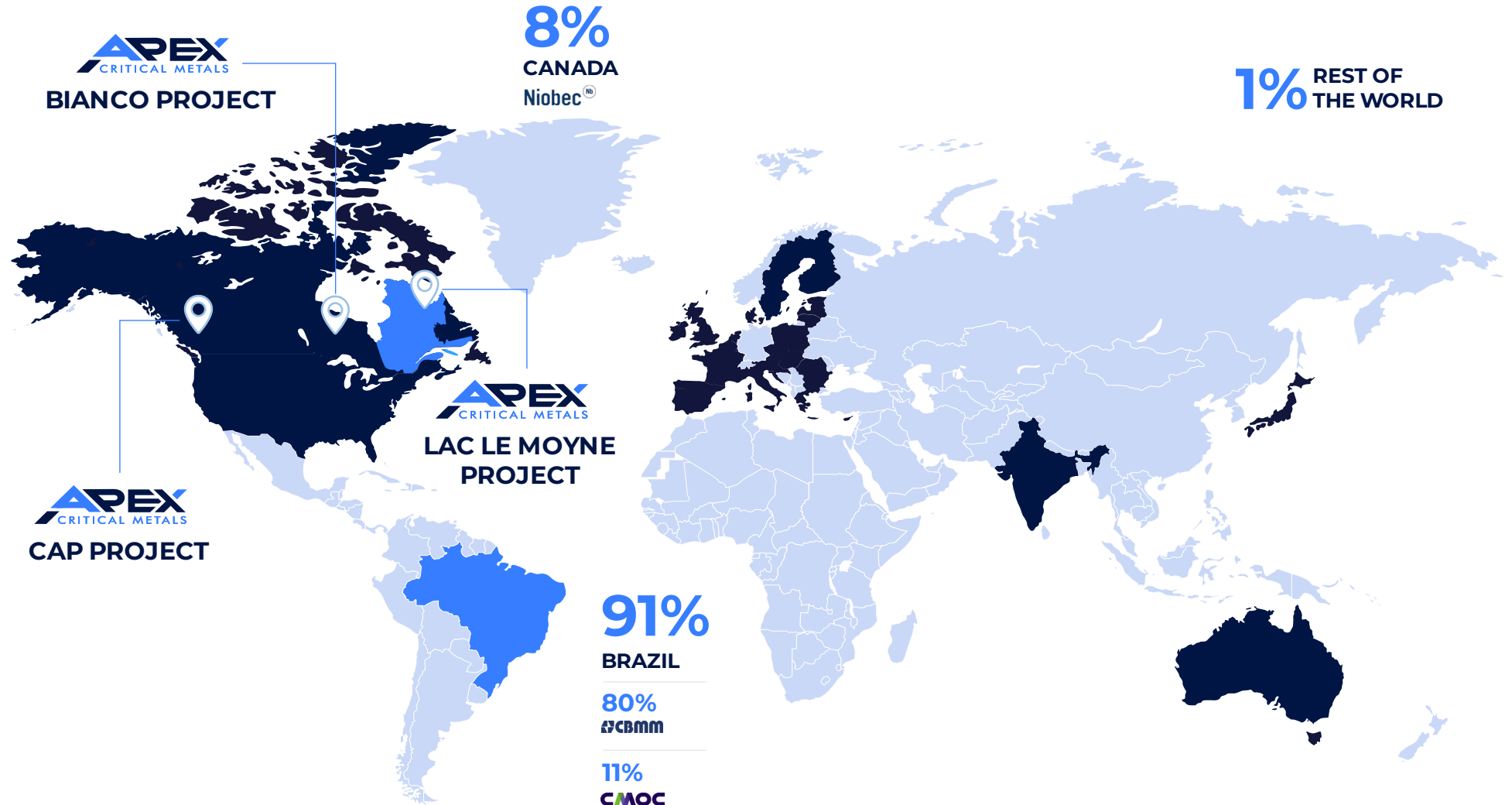
## Supply

- Concentrated in one country (Brazil)
- Supply risk

## Demand

- Driven by North America, Europe, Australia
- Listed as critical mineral in high-growth countries

- Supply
- Demand

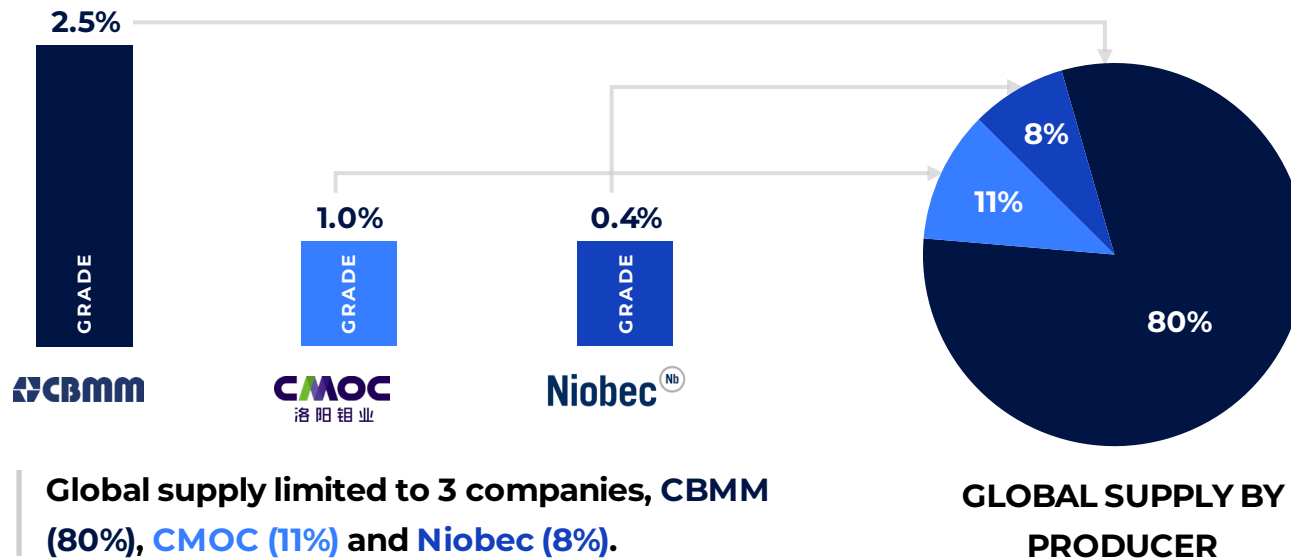


# Niobium Supply Risk

- Critical mineral by both the EU & United States due to its essential role & limited supply sources.
- Nearly 91% produced in Brazil
- Niobec sold to Magris Resources for \$500 million in 2015.

## Global Niobium Supply

### Key Producers and Their Grades



EU Critical Mineral Rankings - 2023	
Supply Risk	
1	HREE
2	Niobium
3	Magnesium
4	HREE Terbium
5	Phosphate Rock
6	Titanium Metal
7	PGM Ruthenium
8	HREE Lutetium
9	LREE Cerium
10	Silicon Metal

US Critical Mineral List - 2022 review	
Supply Risk	
1	Gallium
2	Niobium
3	Cobalt
4	Neodymium
5	Ruthenium
6	Rhodium
7	Dysprosium
8	Aluminium
9	Fluorspar
10	Platinum

# Mineralogy

## Pyrochlore

- Niobium deposits need coarse grained pyrochlore for better recoveries
- Pyrochlore through an aluminothermic reaction is converted to ferro-niobium (FeNb), which is >90% of the niobium market

## Niobium Demand

### FERRO-NIOBIUM

>90%

### NIOBIUM OXIDE

<10%



# Project

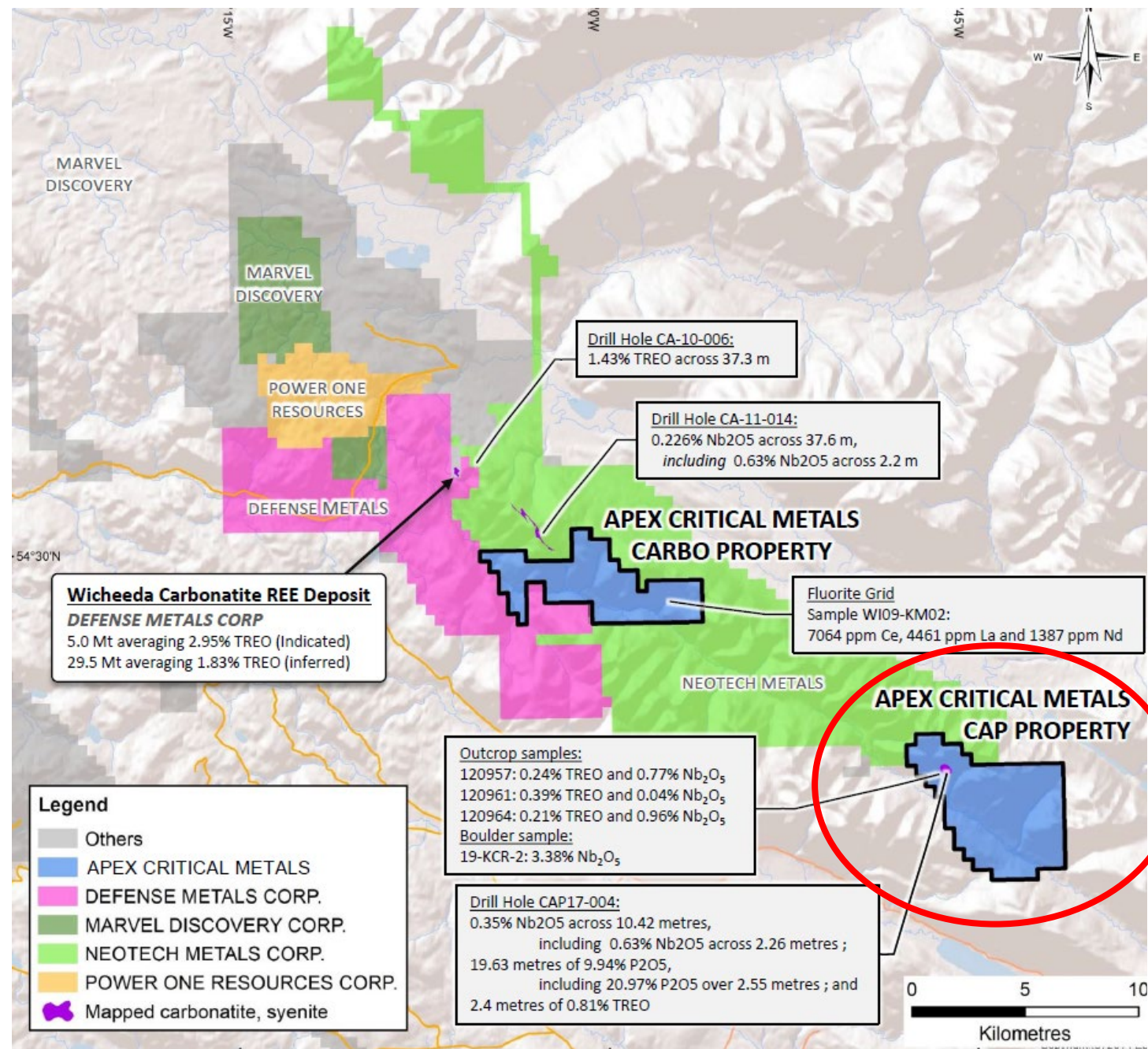
## CAP Project

### Location

- 85 km Northeast of **Prince George, BC.**
- Accessible year round, roughly **25 km<sup>2</sup>** in size
- Strategic location** near existing deposits
- Historical drill results of **0.35% Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> over 10.42m**
- Elevated REE's also identified

### Comparable Aley Nb Deposit

- Located in Northern British Columbia, approximately **250 km northwest** of the CAP property.
- Resource:
  - 285.8 million tonnes** (measured + indicated) at **0.37% Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>**.
  - 144 million tonnes** (inferred) at **0.32% Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>** with a **0.2% cut-off grade**.





# Historical Results

## Drill Holes

**Cap17-004 (0.35% Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> over 10.4 m)**

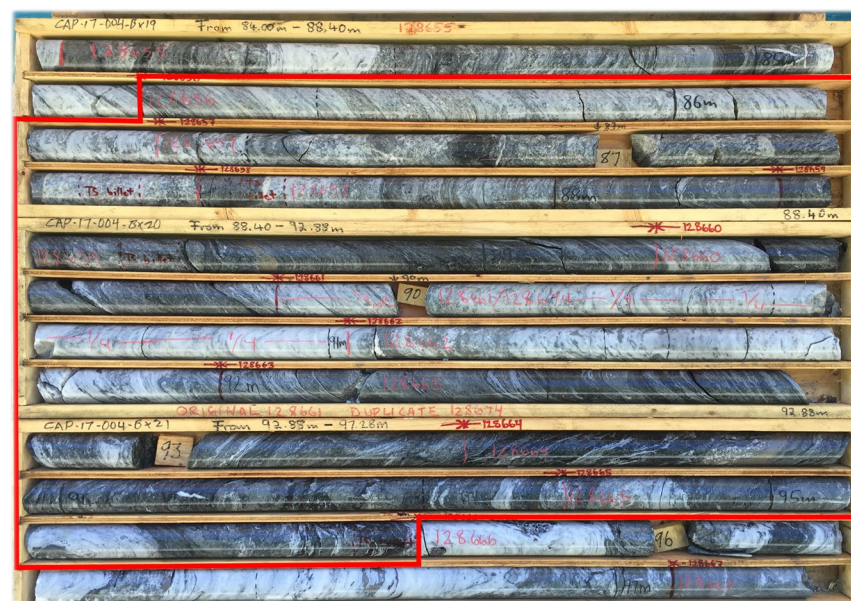
## Surface Samples

Samples	Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (%)
1 (Boulder)	3.38%
2 (Boulder)	0.96%
3 (Boulder)	0.74%
4 (Outcrop)	0.77%

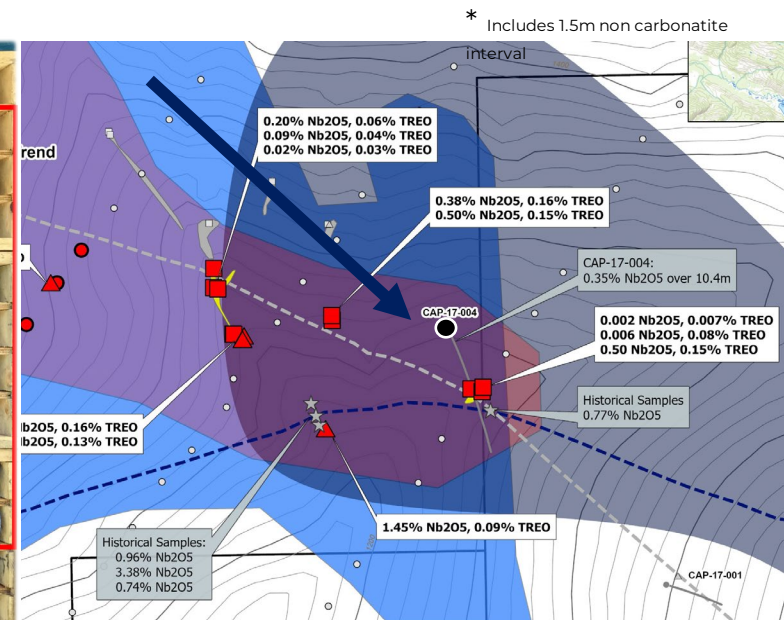
- Drilling for REE's revealed high-grade niobium near a magnetic anomaly, meriting further exploration.

## Drillhole CAP17-004 Carbonatite Intervals and Highlights

Drillhole	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (%)	REO (%)
CAP17-004	75.1	124.9	49.8*	0.19	0.15
	85.2	95.7	<b>10.4</b>	<b>0.35</b>	0.14
	85.2	89.3	4.0	<b>0.51</b>	0.13
	120.9	138.5	17.6	0.05	<b>0.24</b>
	120.9	124.9	4.0	0.13	0.13
	136.1	138.5	2.4	0.02	<b>0.81</b>



Carbonatite Interval in CAP17-004 – **10.4 m at 0.35% Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>** (red box)

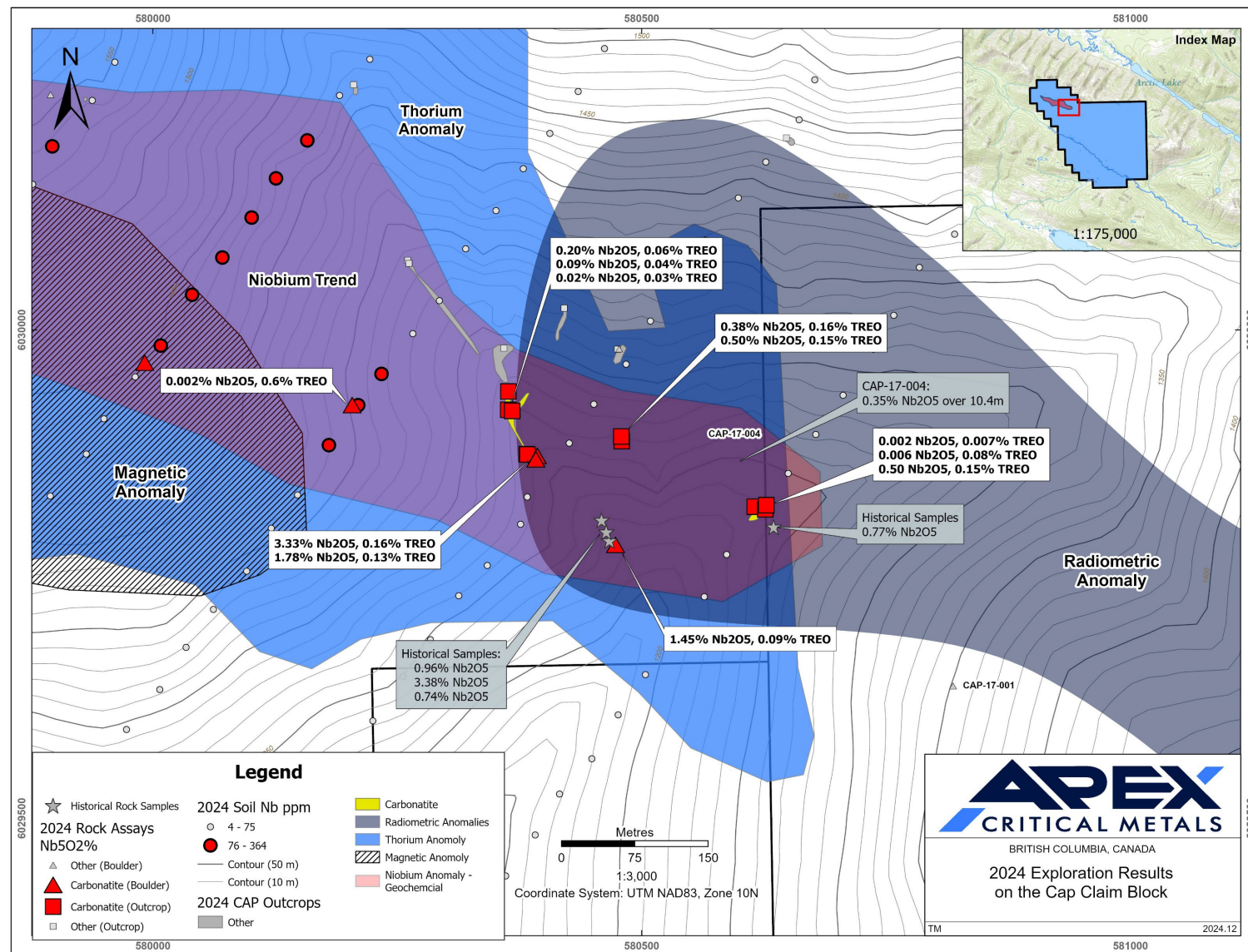


# Exploration Results

## 2024 Summer Program

### Highlights

- Identified **1.8 km anomalous niobium in soils trend** northwest of known mineralization at CAP Project
- Outcrop sample returned **3.33% Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>** with **four (4) additional outcrop samples assaying between 0.16% to 0.50% Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>**. Two mineralized carbonatite outcrops discovered are separated by approximately 250 meters.
- Two (2) carbonatite boulders returned **1.79% and 1.45% Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>** respectively.
- Soil sampling outlined a **distinct niobium anomaly** along an interpreted trend of known mineralized carbonatite outcrops and overlying radiometric anomaly.
- Elevated REO (total rare earth oxides) values identified with **one soil sample assaying 1.21% REO** and **three (3) additional samples between 0.33% and 0.34% REO**.
- Stream concentrate sampling had **four (4) samples returning > 275 ppm Niobium to a maximum of 360 ppm Niobium**, coincident with anomalous soil zones and mineralized rock samples.

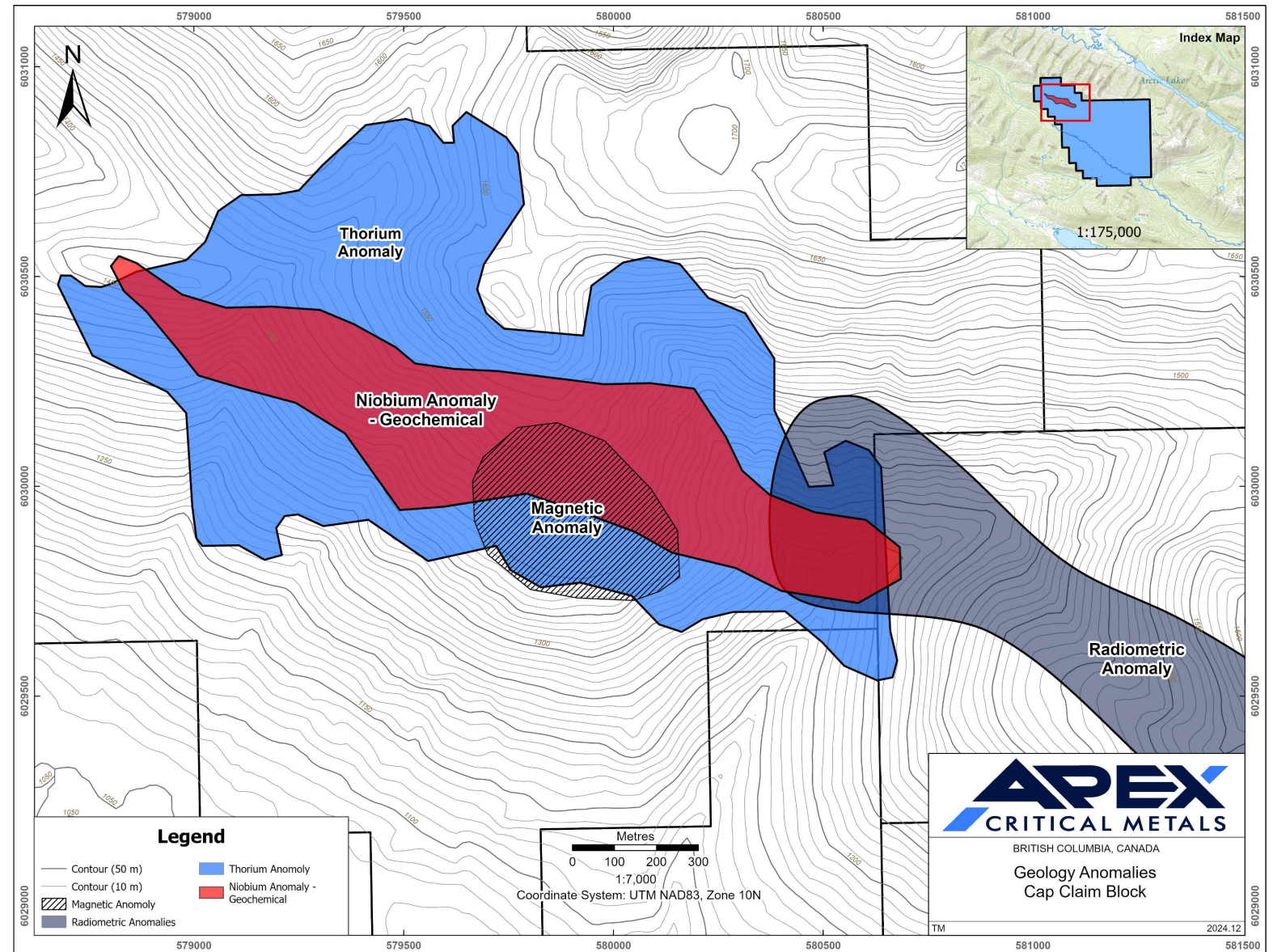




# Magnetic/ Radiometric and Geochemical Targets

## Targets

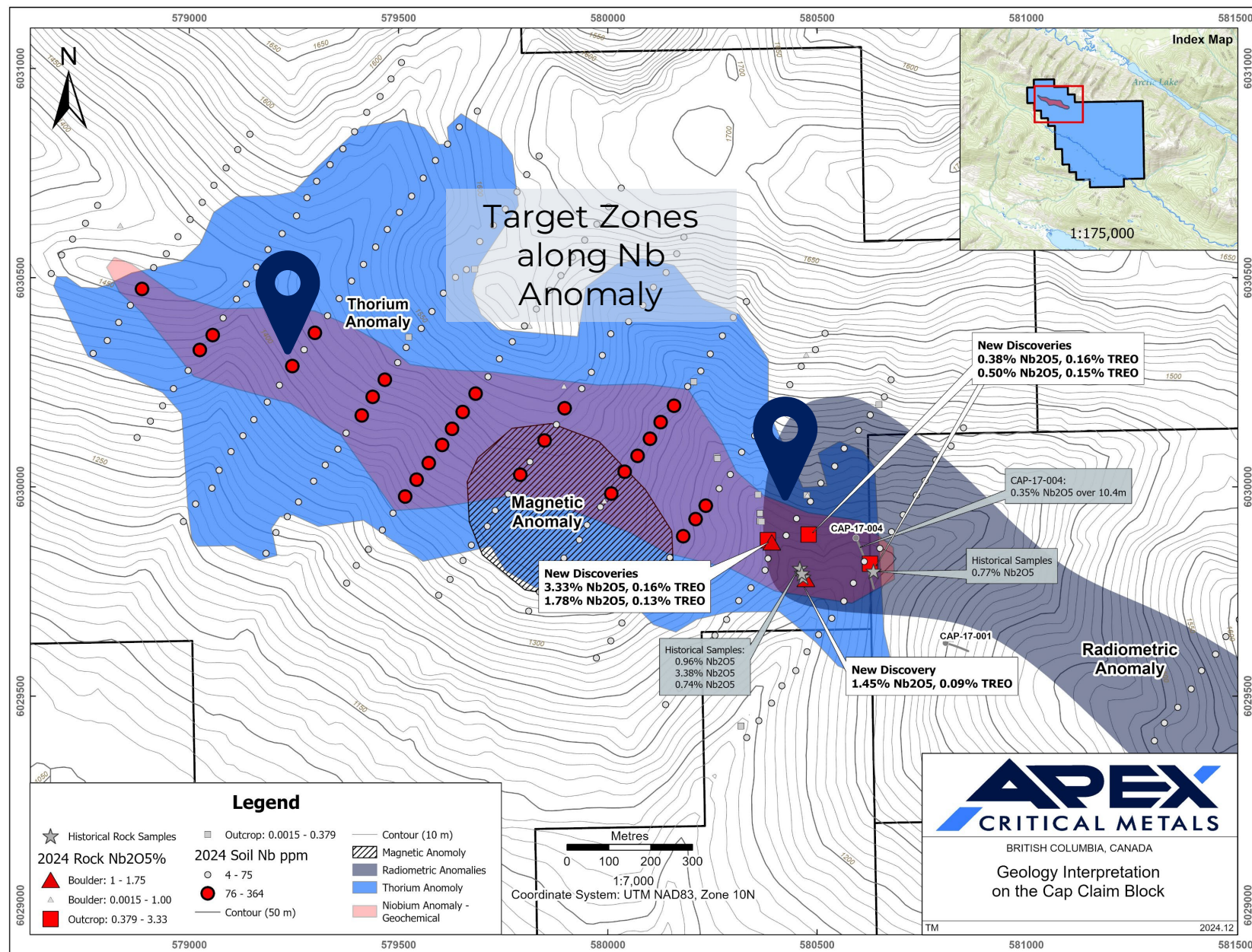
- Niobium geochemical anomaly overlapping with magnetic and thorium anomalies indicative of carbonatite potential provide high priority follow up targets





# Exploration Plans

- Drill ready targets along defined 1.8 km niobium in soils anomaly, newly identified mineralized outcrops and coincident magnetic and thorium anomalies
- Fully permitted with 5-year Multi Year Area Based Permit (MYAB)
- Infill soil sampling, geological mapping and sampling to further define niobium mineralized zone





# Project

## Bianco Project

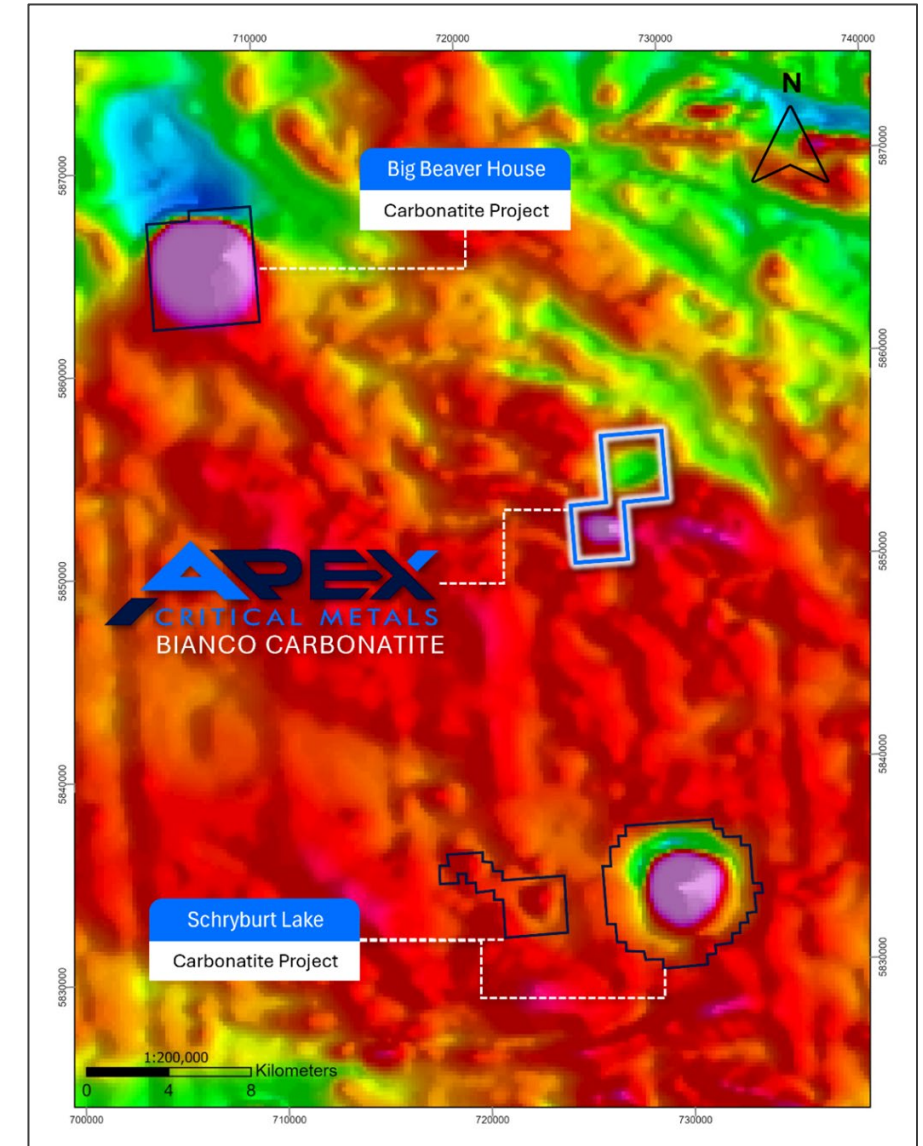
### Location

- **3,735-hectare property** covers large carbonatite complex within an area known for **significant niobium mineralization**.
- Located in Northern Ontario approximately midway between the Schryburt Lake and Big Beaver House Carbonatite projects, both with **known niobium (Nb) and rare earth (REE) mineralization**.

### Historical Results

Originally identified and mapped during an Ontario Geological Survey (OGS) in the 1970's, Bianco lies within an area known for significant Nb mineralization. The Project is strategically located between the Big Beaver House and Schryburt Lake Carbonatite projects. Historical results from these nearby projects include assays of **2.92% Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>** over 1.6 meters and **1.05% Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>** over 2 meters at the Big Beaver House property, as well as sampling results of **1.82% Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>** from a grab sample and **0.40% Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>** over 2.43 meters at the Schryburt Lake Carbonatite property.

Notably, no prior exploration activities have been conducted at Bianco, highlighting its potential as a **promising target** for future mineral discovery.



# Project

## Lac Le Moyne Project

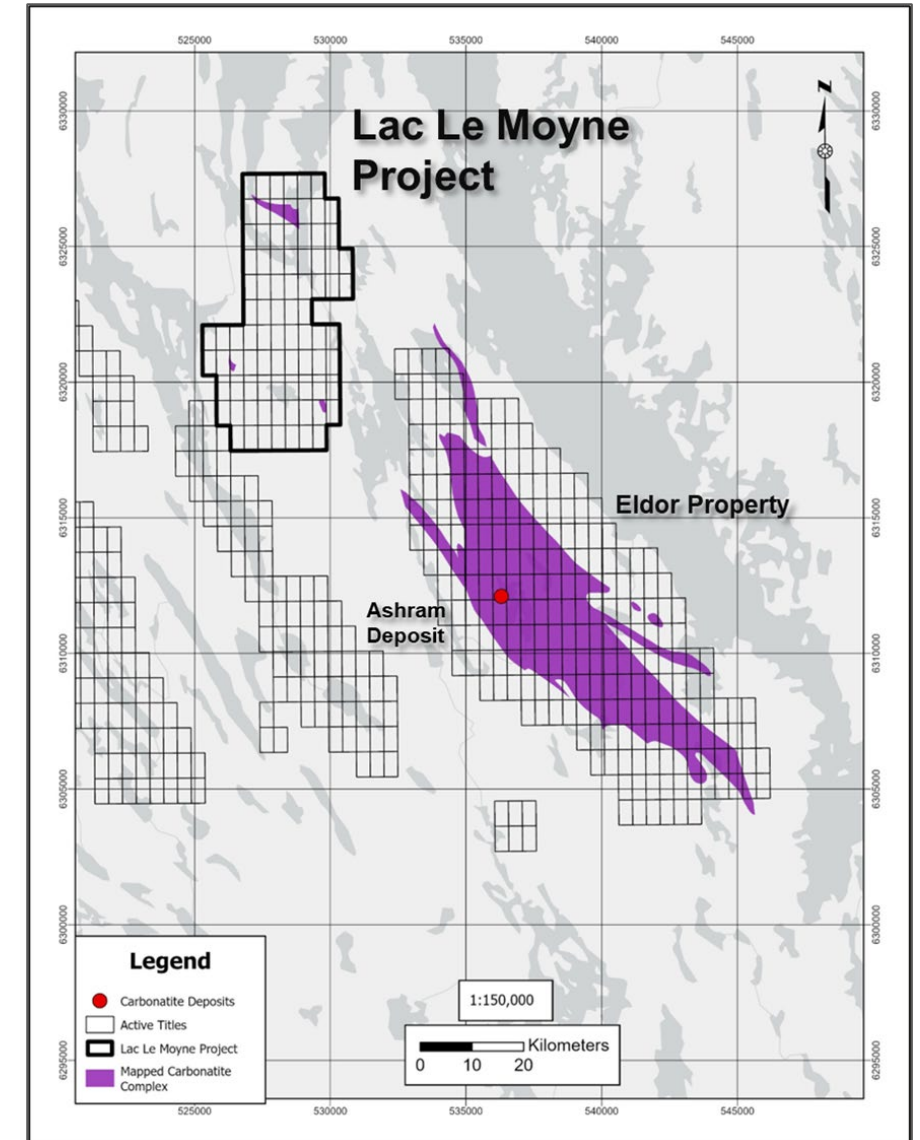
### Location

- Located in northeastern Quebec near the community of Kuujjuaq.
- **4,025-hectare property** situated several kilometers to the northwest of Commerce Resources Corp.'s Eldor Carbonatite Complex.
- Government mapping identified **several exposures of carbonatite**.

### Historical Results

The Project has little documented historical exploration and no known exploration specifically for carbonatite-related mineralization. **Multiple carbonatite outcrops** were previously identified by government geologists conducting regional mapping programs throughout the Labrador Trough during the late 1970's.

To the south of the Project is the Ashram Rare Earth and Fluorspar Deposit, held by Commerce Resources Corp. on its Eldor Property, with a mineral resource of **73.2 Mt at 1.89% rare earth oxide ("REO") and 6.6% CaF<sub>2</sub> indicated, and 131.1 Mt at 1.91% REO and 4.0% CaF<sub>2</sub> inferred** (Commerce, 2024). Additionally, recent exploration at Commerce's Mallard Prospect, located proximal to the Ashram Deposit, returned a drill intercept of **122.5 m of 0.62% Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>** (Commerce, 2024).





# Milestones

## 12-month Plan:

### Q2 2024

- OTCQB Listing
- Historical Review and planning
- Permitting

### Q3 2024

- Surface Sampling and Mapping
- Preparation For Drilling

### Q4 2024

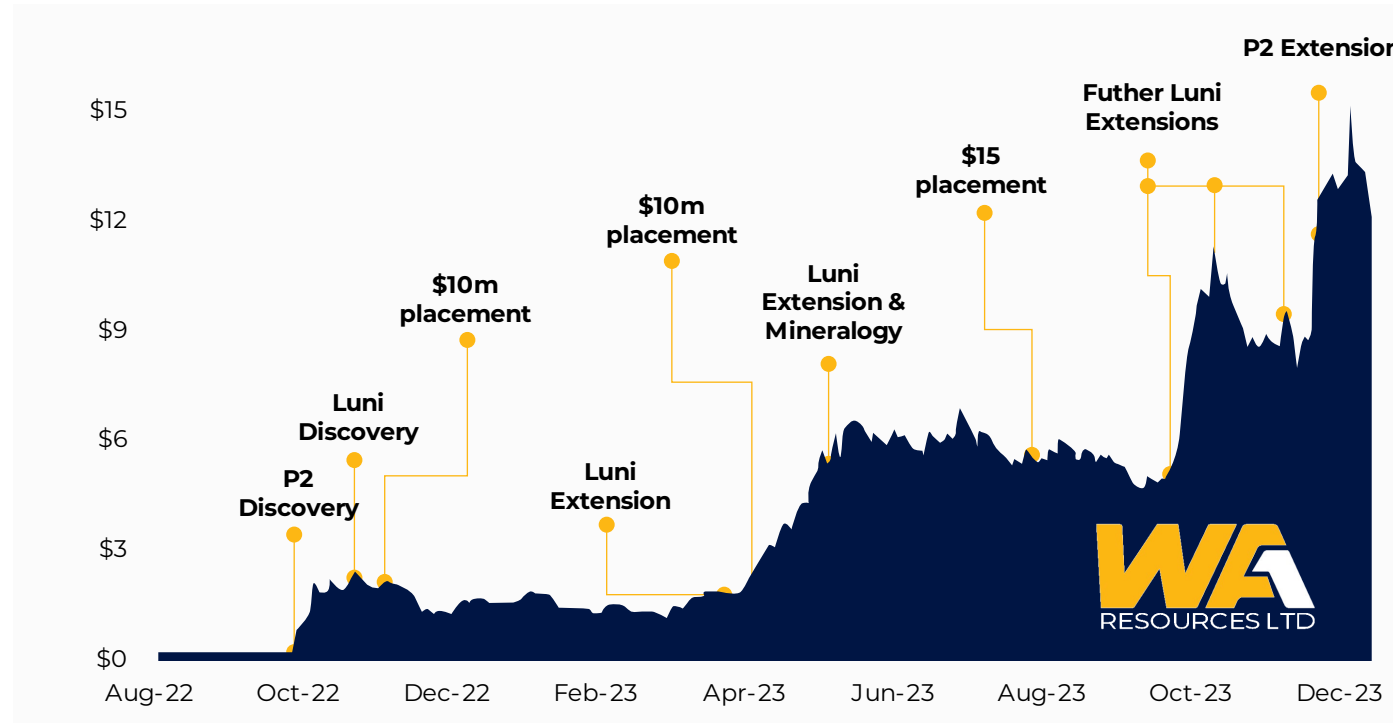
- Potential Financing
- Surface Drilling
- Reporting on results

- CORPORATE MILESTONES
- EXPLORATION MILESTONES



# Comparable Case Study

## WA1 Resources (ASX:WA1)



ASX: WA1 HISTORIC SHARE PRICE PERFORMANCE AND SIGNIFICANT MILESTONES<sup>1</sup>

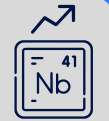
- First drill hole discovers the P2 carbonatite in October 2022.
- Luni carbonatite discovered shortly after.
- \$10M financing to further explore the Luni discovery.
- Luni target extended in Q2 2023.
- \$10M and \$15M financings progressed the extension of the Luni & P2 carbonatites targets.
- Initial Mineral Resource estimate of 200 Mt @1.0% Nb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>



# Key Project Highlights



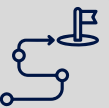
**Critical Mineral & Supply Risk**



**Increasing Demand**



**Strong Fundamentals**



**Clear Roadmap to Success**



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