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Emerging Rare Earth Growth Story in Nebraska, USA

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Investment Highlights

 China dominates ~90% of REE supply, driving \$100B+ US Government investment to secure domestic supply chains

 Demand for Rare Earth Elements surging across Defense, Advanced Manufacturing, and EV's

 Apex is uniquely positioned to rapidly define a globally significant Rare Earth deposit in the heart of America

 Well-structured and fully funded to execute aggressive drilling and expand mineralization

 Team with demonstrated track record of fundraising, M&A and critical mineral discovery

Rare Earth Elements Power Trillions in U.S. Industry


\$3–5 Trillion+ of U.S. Economic Activity Depends on Rare Earth Elements

Rare earth elements such as **neodymium**, **dysprosium**, **terbium**, and **lanthanum** are essential inputs across advanced manufacturing, defense systems, clean energy technologies, and consumer electronics.

 **Consumer Electronics**
\$450B+

 **Defense & Aerospace**
\$900B+

 **Automotive & EVs**
\$1.2T+

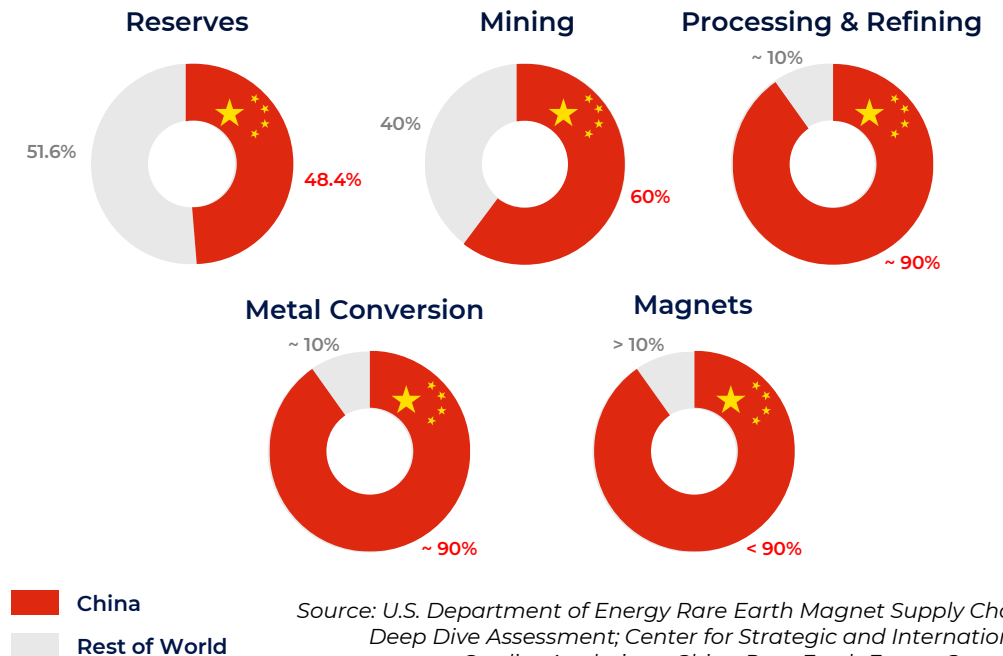
 **Petroleum Refining**
\$800B+

 **Industrial & Manufacturing**
\$400B+

 **Renewable Energy**
\$150B+

Geopolitical Tension

China dominates every step of the rare earth supply chain, from mining to NdFeB magnets, while tightening quotas and enforcement to reinforce its control over global supply.



Source: U.S. Department of Energy Rare Earth Magnet Supply Chain Deep Dive Assessment; Center for Strategic and International Studies Analysis on China Rare Earth Export Controls

\$100B+ U.S. Commitment to Critical Minerals



Securing Domestic Rare Earth Supply a **MAJOR PRIORITY** for US Government.

MP MATERIALS

~\$550M+ US GOVERNMENT
CAPITAL SUPPORT*

USA Rare Earth

~\$1.6B+ US GOVERNMENT
CAPITAL SUPPORT

Project Vault

U.S. strategic initiative to accelerate domestic critical mineral production through large-scale financing and procurement



Critical Minerals



EVs



Defense Tech



Supply Chain

WHY APEX?

Apex Critical Metals

- ✓ Uniquely positioned to rapidly define a globally significant Rare Earth deposit in the heart of America
- ✓ DIBC member — eligible for U.S. programs
- ✓ Aligned with national security supply priorities



DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL
BASE CONSORTIUM

Apex's DIBC membership aligns the Company with U.S. initiatives to finance and accelerate domestic rare earth supply chains.

Apex is Well Positioned Within the North American Strategic Supply Chain

The Opportunity



Apex has 100%-Control of Tier 1 REE Growth Story

History

Apex's team completed private land deals more than a decade ago in the same Elk Creek Carbonatite Complex NioCorp.



Recently reached **\$1B USD** valuation, has raised more than **\$400M USD** in the past year and is fast tracking development of their feasibility-stage Elk Creek Niobium-Scandium-Titanium Project with **US government funding support.**

\$1B USD valuation

\$400M raised

US government support

Recent History

Over the past 15 months, Apex has assembled a contiguous/adjacent land position 2x the size of NioCorp's holdings within the Elk Creek Carbonatite (Rift Rare Earth Project), which includes coverage of two globally significant rare earth drill intervals in an area that is wide open for expansion.

Current

Actively drilling with two rigs to verify and expand REE mineralization, rapidly advancing towards a maiden MRE with the aim of defining the highest quality non-operating rare earth deposit in the USA.

The Opportunity

Limited US Rare Earth Deposits (Mineral Resource Estimates)



MP Materials

CALIFORNIA

NYSE: **MP** | MKT CAP: **~\$10B**

RESERVES: 29Mt @ 5.9% TREO

I: 4.35 Mt @ 3.71% TREO

INF: 13.35 Mt @ 4.79% TREO



USA RARE EARTH

TEXAS

NASDAQ: **USAR** | MKT CAP: **~\$4.3B**

RESERVES: (not reported)

M&I: 479.75 Mt @ 0.06% TREO

INF: (not reported)

Recent \$2.8B acquisition of Serra Verde's Pela Ema mine.



UCORE RARE METALS

ALASKA

TSX.V: **UCU** | MKT CAP: **~\$550M**

RESERVES: (not reported)

I: 3.3 Mt @ 0.614% TREO

INF: 1.3 Mt @ 0.59% TREO



RARE ELEMENT RESOURCES

WYOMING

OTCQX: **REEMF** | MKT CAP: **~\$360M**

RESERVES: (not reported)

M&I: 6.02 Mt @ 4.08% TREO

INF: 1.90 Mt @ 3.61% TREO



AMERICAN RARE EARTHS

WYOMING

ASX: **ARR** | MKT CAP: **~\$150M**

RESERVES: (not reported)

M&I: 1.48 Bt @ 0.33% TREO

INF: 1.15 Bt @ 391ppm TREE

Delivering New High-Quality Rare Earth Tonnage on US Soil Should be Heavily Rewarded

1. MP Materials Corp. Form 10-K (FY2024). <https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1801368/000180136825000009/mp-20241231.htm>
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4. Technical Report Summary for the Bear Lodge REE Project (SEC filing). https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1419806/000110465924030555/tm247778d1_ex96-1.htm
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Rift Rare Earth Project

Overview

- Highly prospective **rare earth element project** located in southeastern **Nebraska, USA**, within the highly prospective **Elk Creek Carbonatite** near the village of Elk Creek
- **Tier-1 jurisdiction**, offering excellent infrastructure and geopolitical stability. Located in Nebraska with private land ownership, offering a **streamlined permitting path** relative to many global REE projects

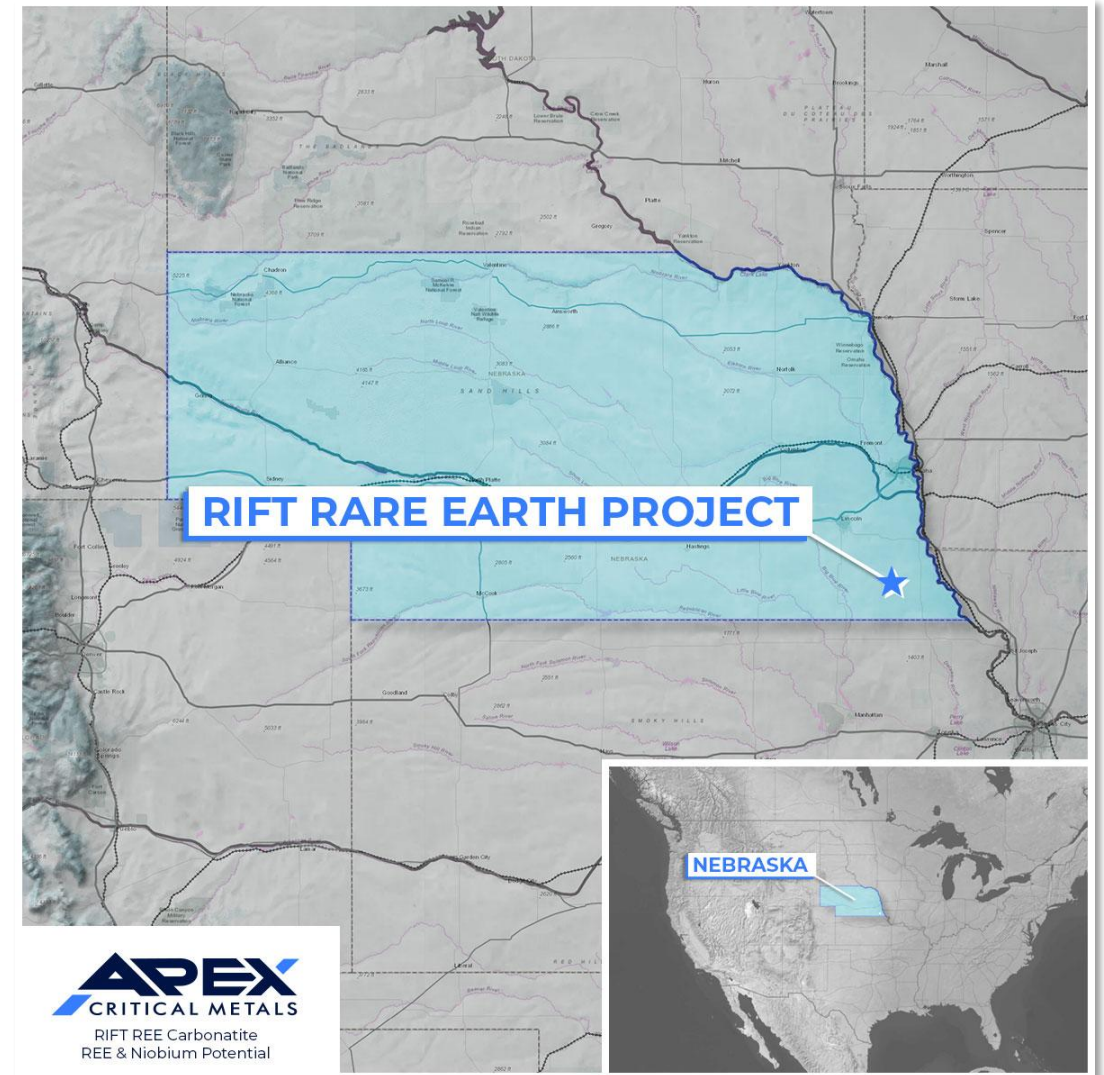
Geology

Geology: Rare carbonatite complex emplaced ~560-570 million years ago

Host Rocks: Carbonatite intruding Proterozoic gneiss, overlain by ~200 m of sediment

Mineralogy:

- **Niobium:** Hosted in magnetite beforosite
- **REEs:** Hosted in barite beforosite (including bastnäsite, parisite, synchysite, monazite)
 - Same mineralogy as other North American operating mines



Rift Rare Earth Project

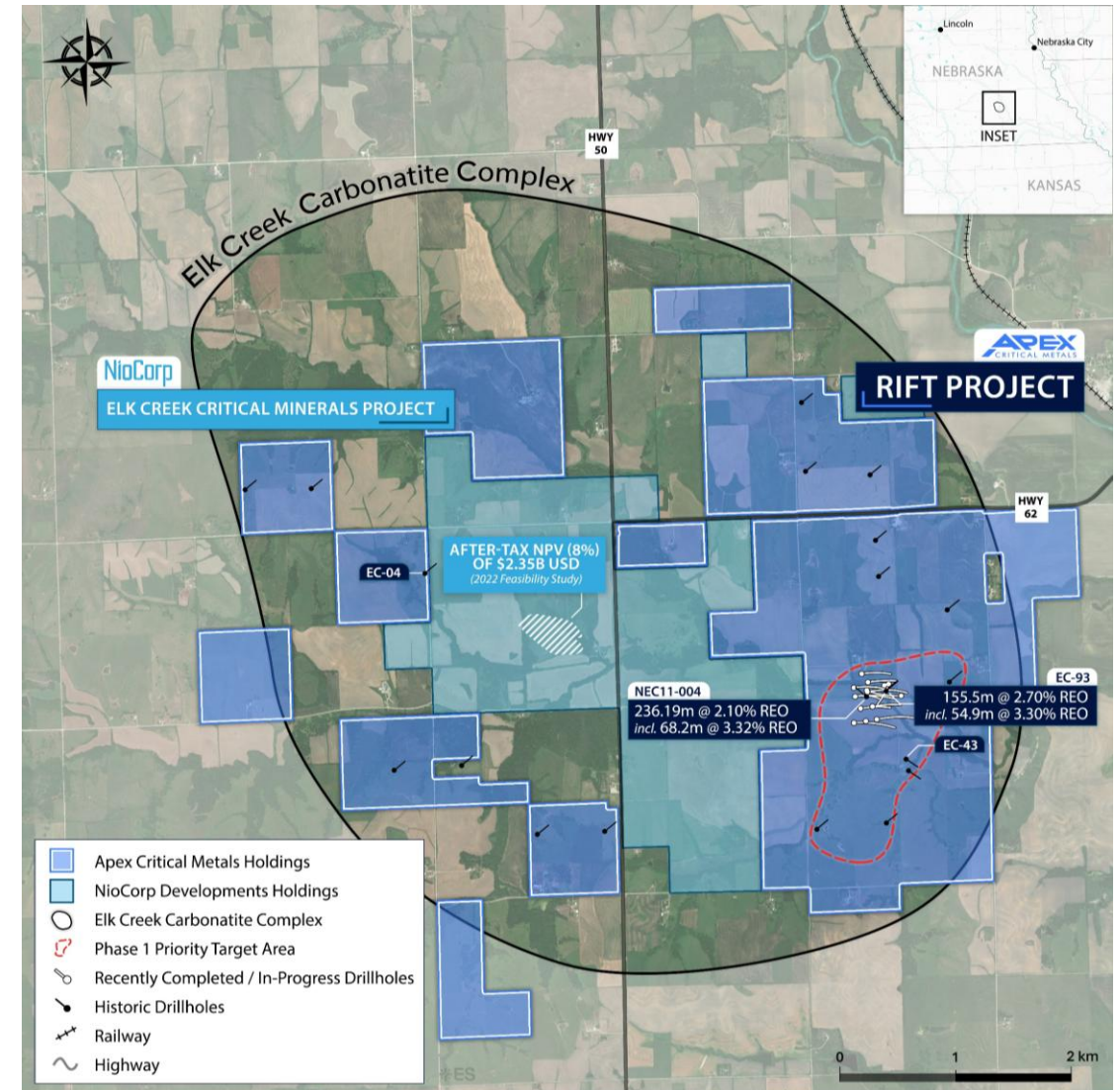
Recent Developments

- Diameter of 6–8 km, ranks among the **largest carbonatite bodies in the world**
- Commenced drilling in late January 2nd rig arrived in February – **2 rigs actively drilling.**
- Spent last 1.5 years assembling **3,500 acres covering the best rare earth mineralization** in historical drilling (announced Q4/2025)
- Relogged and re-assayed historical core, built 3D model and permitted for drilling in Q4.

Current Opportunity

- **Verify and expand** on the excellent historical rare earth drill results and **rapidly advance towards an MRE**

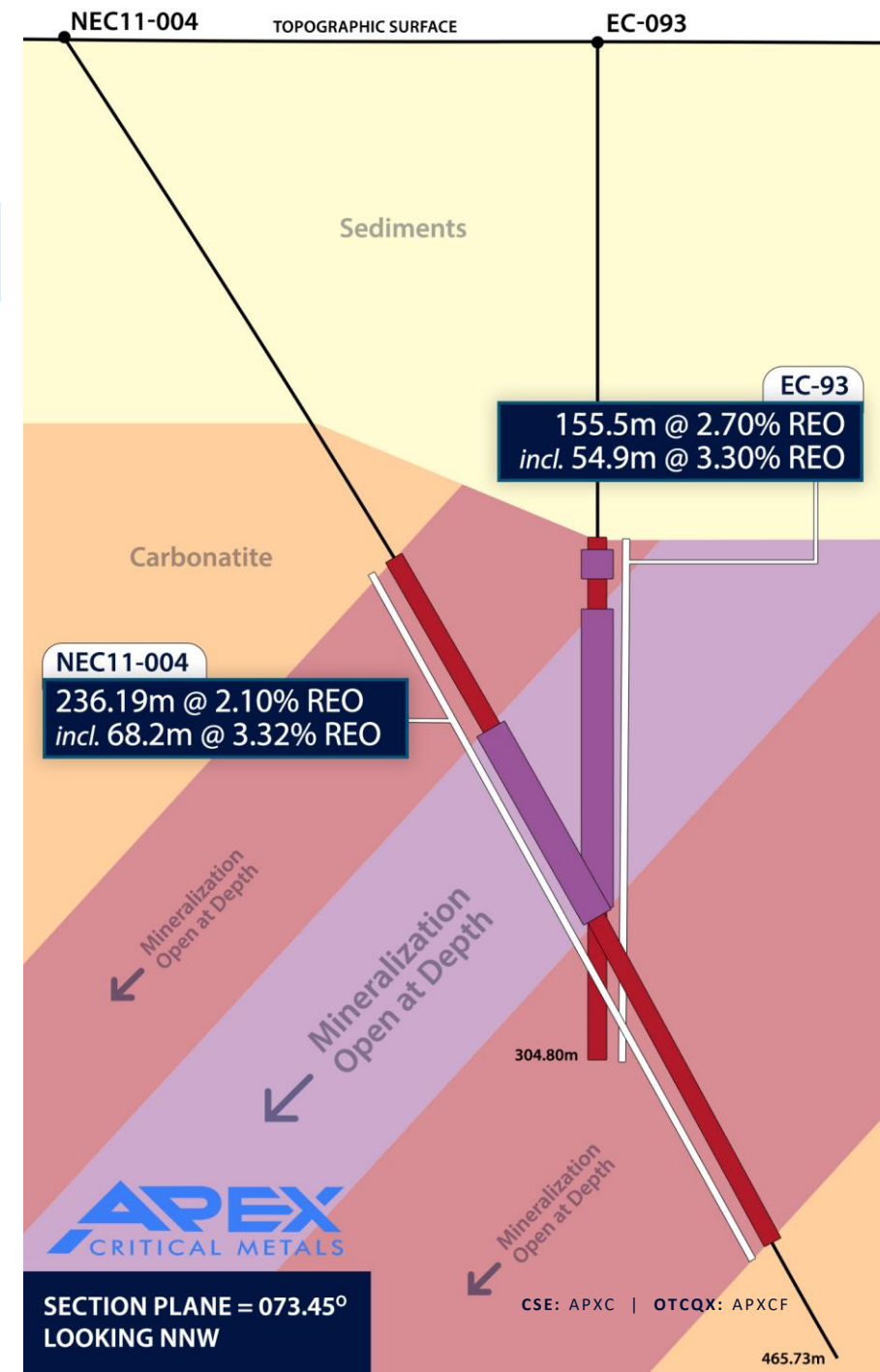
Targeting the Highest-Quality (Grade, Scale, NdPr) Rare Earth Deposit in the United States (non-producing).



Rift Rare Earth Project

Standout Historical REE Intercepts

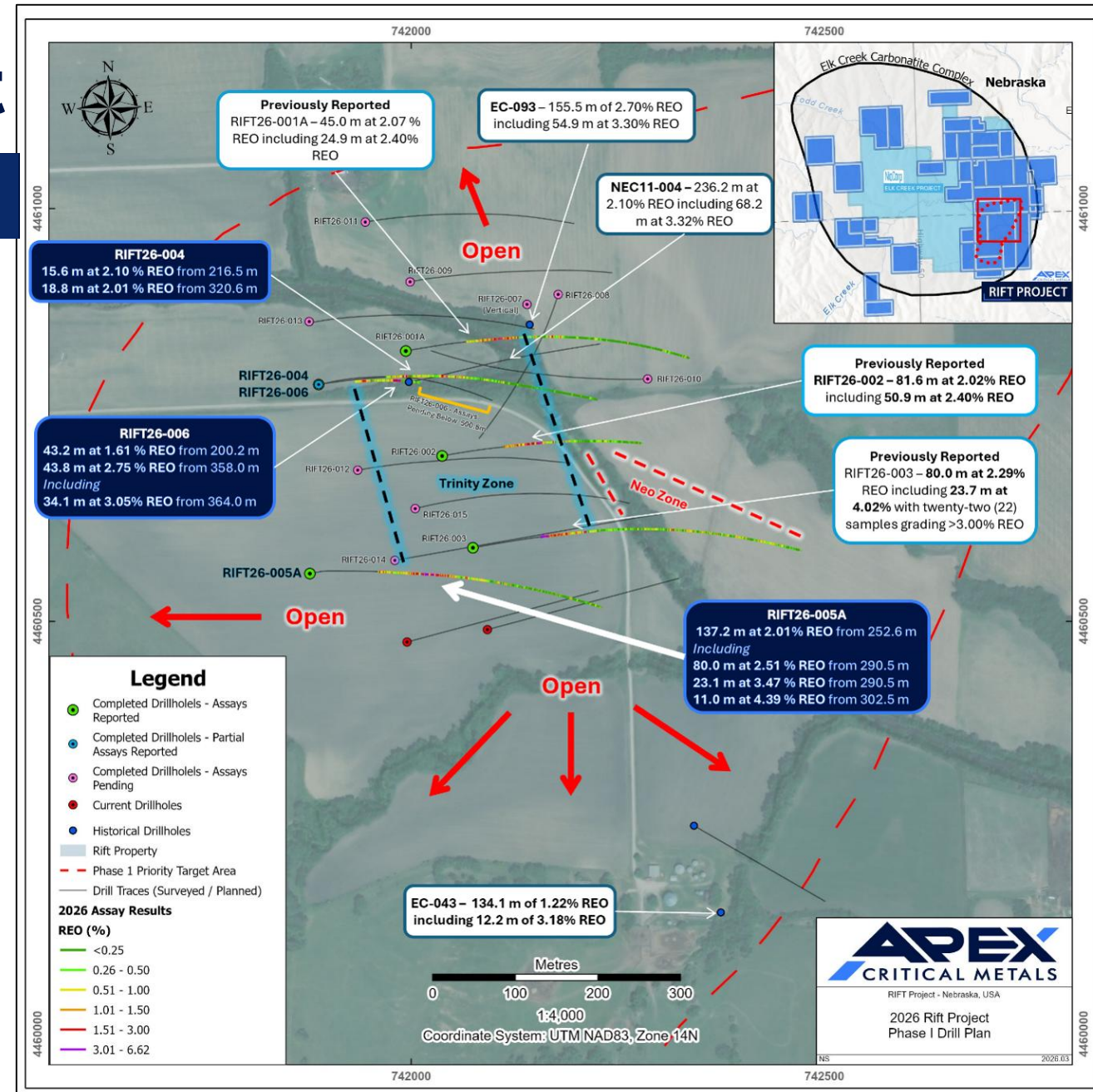
- **106 drill holes** completed with **20 within the Rift Rare Earth Project area**
- Significant REE mineralization encountered in multiple holes:
 - **155.5 m of 2.70% REO**, Including **54.9 m at 3.30% REO** (EC-93)
 - **236.2 m of 2.10% REO**, including **68.2 m of 3.32% REO** (NEC11-004)
 - ✓ NEC11-004 collared 162 m SW (at an angle of 245°) of EC-93
- **Apex phase 1 drilling continues to demonstrate continuity and scale of high-grade REE mineralization**



Rift Rare Earth Project

Phase 1 Plan View

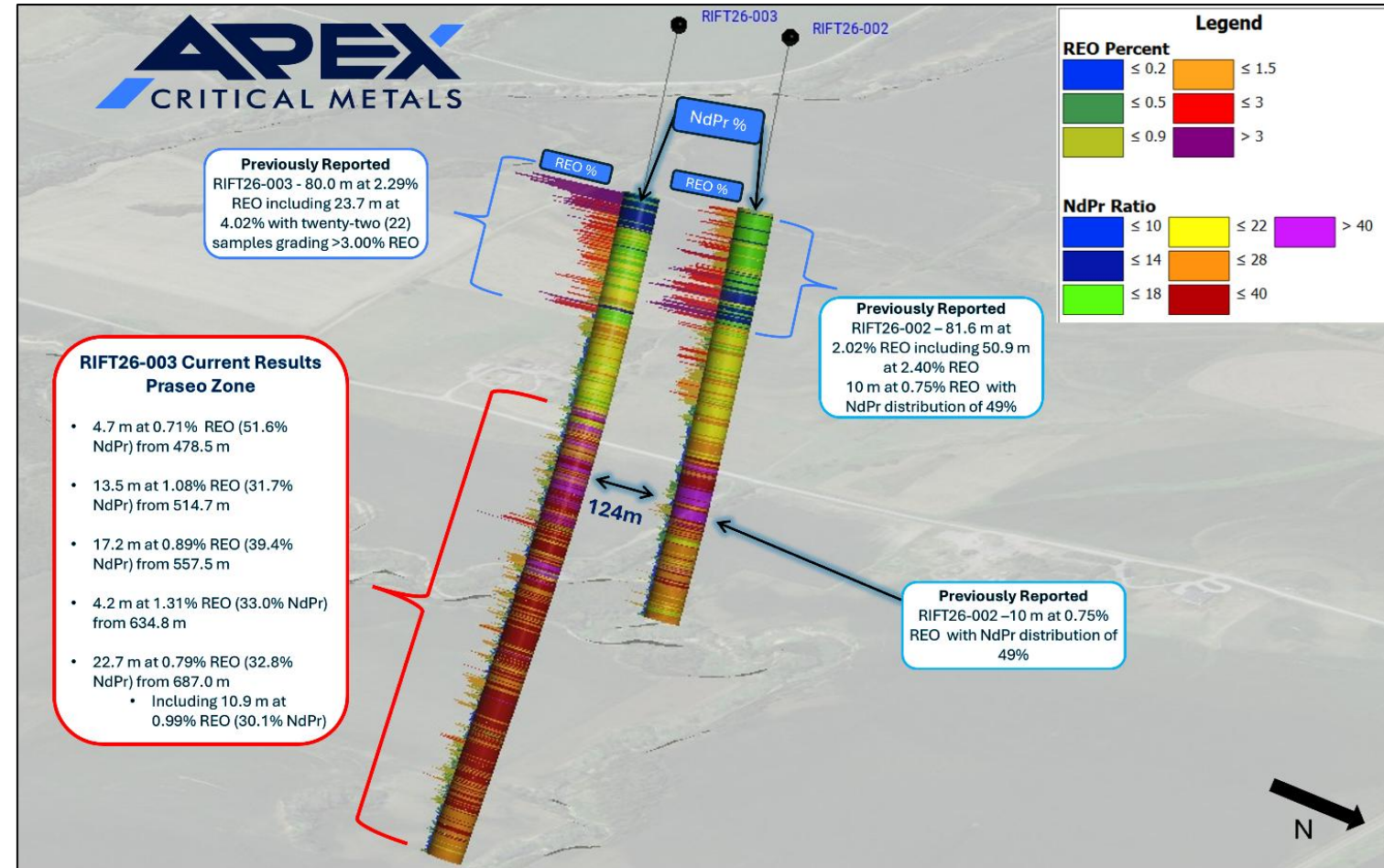
- Strong grades over wide intervals continue at Rift, with western step-out drilling demonstrating **scale and continuity of the upper “Trinity Zone”**:
 - RIFT26-005A: 11.8 m at 4.23% REO within 23.1 m at 3.47% REO and a broader 137.2 m at 2.01% REO
 - RIFT26-006: 34.1 m at 3.05% REO within 43.8 m at 2.75% REO and a broader 210.0 m at 1.33% REO
 - RIFT26-003: 23.7 m at 4.02% REO within 80.0 m at 2.29% REO
 - RIFT26-002: 50.9 m at 2.40% REO within 81.6 m at 2.02% REO
- RIFT26-005A represents an approximately 180 m western step-out from RIFT26-003
- Drilling to date has consistently demonstrated **grade, scale and continuity** of the Trinity Zone, which remains open within the broader >700 m mineralized corridor



Rift Rare Earth Project

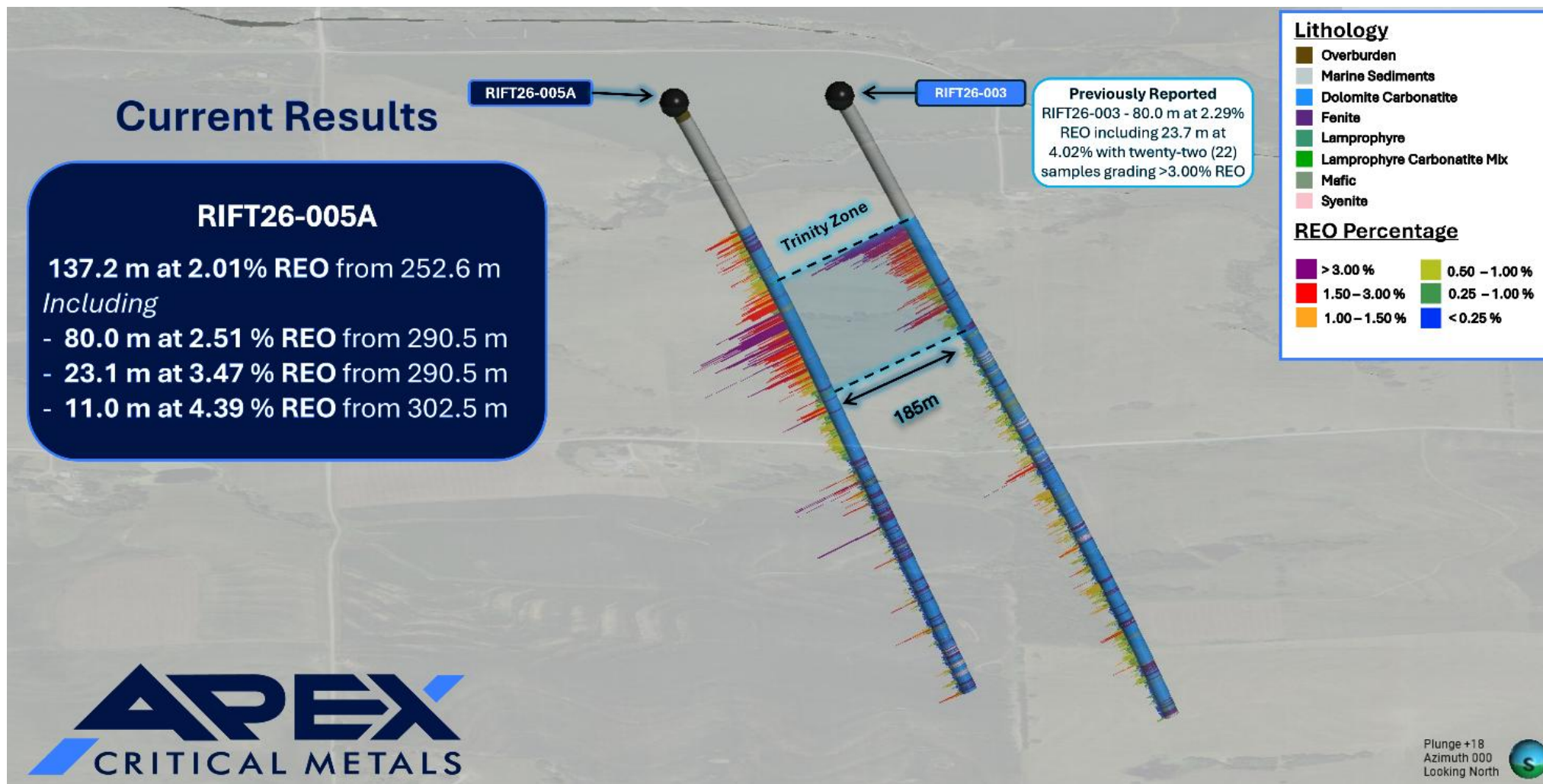
Two-Horizon REE System Emerging

- **Upper Trinity Zone:** significant **>2% REO** mineralization demonstrated over approximately **300 m strike**
- **Recent Trinity Zone highlights:**
 - **11.8 m at 4.23% REO** within **137.2 m at 2.01% REO**
 - **34.1 m at 3.05% REO** within **210.0 m at 1.33% REO**
 - **23.7 m at 4.02% REO** within **80.0 m at 2.29% REO**
 - **50.9 m at 2.40% REO** within **81.6 m at 2.02% REO**
- **Historical Trinity Zone highlights:**
 - **54.9 m at 3.30% REO** within **155.5 m at 2.70% REO**
 - **68.2 m at 3.32% REO** within **236.2 m at 2.10% REO**
- **Deeper Neo Zone:** multiple intervals with **>30% NdPr** distribution
 - **Key Neo Zone intervals:** **13.5 m at 1.08% REO (31.7% NdPr)** and **17.2 m at 0.89% REO (39.4% NdPr)**
- **NdPr enrichment** confirmed over **>120 m strike**
- **Both horizons remain open in all directions**



May 6, 2026. Cross-sectional view of drill hole RIFT26-003 & RIFT26-002 REO grades, and NdPr distributions between drill holes., [see full news release here.](#)

Rift Rare Earth Project



May 15, 2026. RIFT26-005A & RIFT26-003 assay results at the Rift Project highlighting the Trinity Zone

Assays Pending: Carbonatite with Hematite Alteration



RIFT26-010



RIFT26-007

Phase 1 drilling has consistently encountered hematite alteration and favorable carbonatite host rocks. Readers are cautioned that encouraging visual core observations should not be relied upon until assay results are reported.

Rift Rare Earth Project Outlook

Elk Creek Carbonatite Complex

- 2 Drill rigs actively turning since early February
- 15 Drill holes completed to-date (11,000 m)
- Assays remain pending for 9 holes
- Program has already expanded beyond the original **>8,000 m** plan based on strong initial results and visual mineralization
- Near-term catalysts: Drill results throughout Q2 & Q3 2026
- Targeting initial MRE by Q1/2027
- Opportunity to emerge as a leading U.S. rare earth growth story

Project

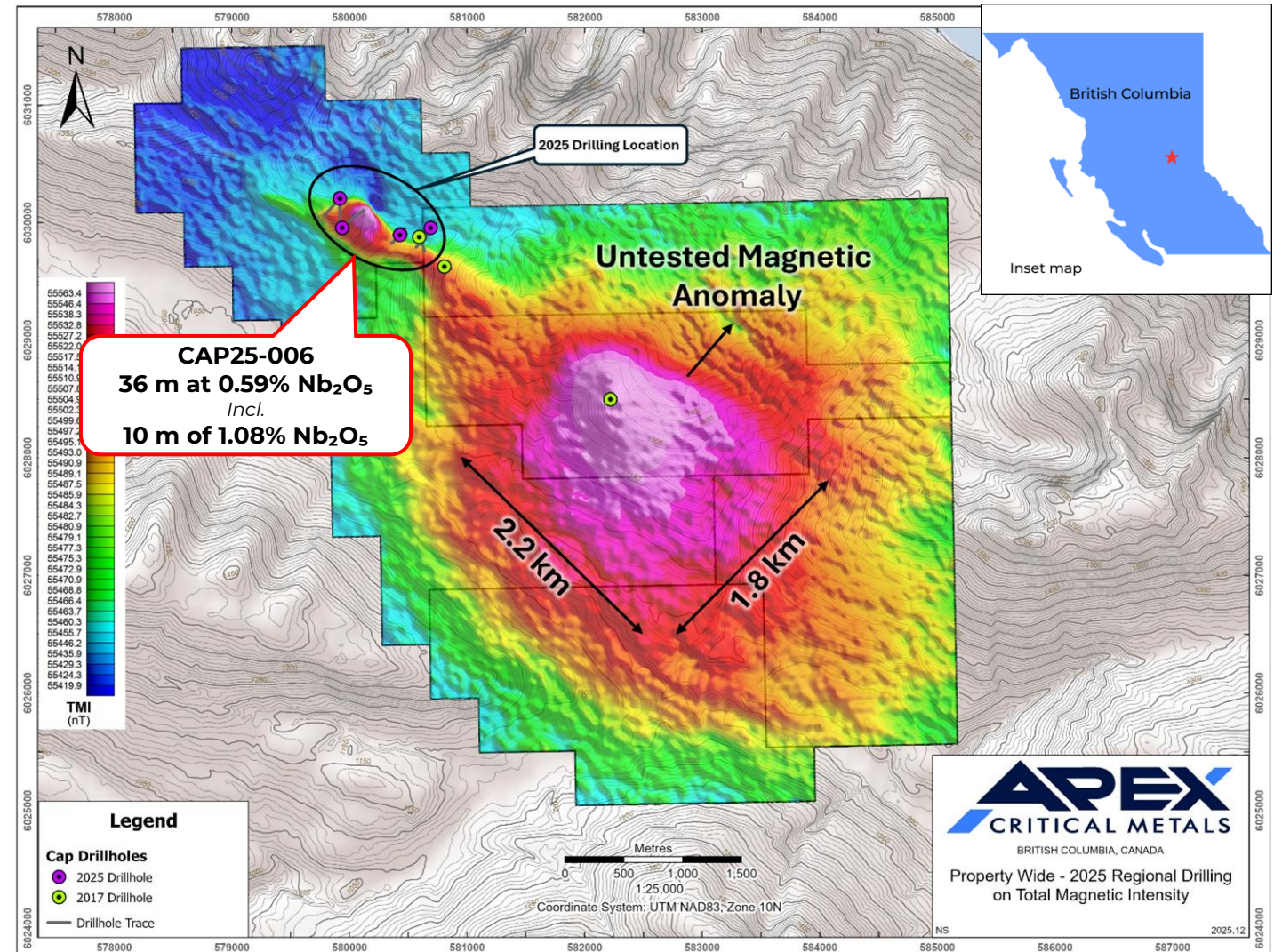
CAP Project

Location

- 85 km northeast of **Prince George, BC**
- Accessible year-round, 25km² in size
- Located 250km SE of Taseko Aley niobium Deposit (TSX: TKO - \$1.3B Market Cap)

2025 Exploration Program

- 1.8km niobium trend identified
- 9 holes, 2,323 m drilled in 2025
- Niobium Discovery: CAP25-006 – 36 m at 0.59% Nb₂O₅, including 10 m of 1.08% Nb₂O₅**, within broader mineralized envelope of 124.5 m of 0.27% Nb₂O₅
- CAP25-006** remains open in multiple directions and a priority area for follow-up drilling in 2026
- New geophysical survey results show **massive buried magnetic anomaly yet to be tested at depth**



Capital Markets Strength



Management & Board of Directors

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. He was most recently a director of Alpha Lithium, which was 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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Zayn Kalyan, DIRECTOR

Mr. Kalyan is an experienced business development executive with a strong background in capital markets and corporate growth. He currently serves as Chief Executive Officer and Director of Scorpio Gold Corporation, where he has led the strategic restructuring and transformation of the company. Under his leadership, Scorpio Gold has been rebuilt from a distressed junior mining company into a rapidly growing gold exploration company. Mr. Kalyan began his career as a software engineer, developing startup technology companies from the ground up before transitioning into finance. Since 2014, he has served in senior management roles and on the boards of multiple public companies, bringing expertise in corporate strategy, capital formation, and scaling early-stage businesses into publicly traded growth platforms.



Scorpio Gold transformed into a growing gold exploration company.

Joness Lang, EVP – GROWTH STRATEGY, DIRECTOR

Mr. Lang is an experienced executive leader with 15 years of corporate growth strategy and capital markets experience within the natural resource sector. Mr. Lang is the CEO of Canter Resources Corp., a critical metals exploration company focused on lithium and boron in the western USA. He also serves as President for American Pacific Mining Corp, and prior to that served as the Executive Vice President of Maple Gold Mines Ltd. Mr. Lang brings significant transaction experience to the Apex board, with a track record of leading project acquisitions and securing major mining companies as strategic partners.



While with American Pacific, the company was nominated for Deal of the Year twice by S&P Global Platts.

Jody Bellefleur, CORPORATE SECRETARY, DIRECTOR



Ms. Bellefleur is a CPA, CGA with over 15 years of experience with public companies and has served in senior financial roles with a number of issuers, bringing extensive expertise in financial reporting, corporate governance, and regulatory compliance.

Nathan Steinke, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Mr. Steinke brings over 20 years of finance experience in the international resource sector. Mr. Steinke previously worked alongside Sean Charland, serving as CFO, at Alpha Lithium. Mr. Steinke was instrumental in supporting the advancement of the Company through key finance, growth and capital markets initiatives.

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Technical Expertise



Management & Board of Directors Cont'd

Jody Dahrouge, P.Geo, DIRECTOR

Mr. Dahrouge is a professional geologist with over twenty-five years of experience 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.



President of Dahrouge Geological, the team acquired and discovered the PMET Resources (TSX: PMET) Corvette property.

Nathan Schmidt, P.Geo

Mr. Schmidt has over 12 years of experience with exploration projects ranging from early to advanced stage programs. He has planned and managed multi-drill programs and ground geological programs for a variety of commodities located across Canada. Since 2016, Mr. Schmidt has been actively involved in lithium exploration in the James Bay district, gaining valuable experience and insights into the region's resource potential, communities and regulatory climate. Mr. Schmidt has significant experience throughout his career producing geological models in Leapfrog Geo for projects at various stages, complexities, and commodity types. He has authored numerous technical and assessment reports for projects in several provinces. His commodity experience has been focused on lithium-cesium-tantalum (LCT type) pegmatites, porphyry Cu-Mo, carbonate replacement (Pb-Zn-Cu-Ag), carbonatite hosted rare earth elements and niobium/tantalum, cobalt, metallurgical coal and uranium, in both North America and Africa.

Darren L. Smith, M.Sc., P.Geo, DIRECTOR

With more than 20 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.



Contributed to development of Niocorp's Elk Creek Carbonatite Project metallurgical flowsheet.

Alex Knox, TECHNICAL ADVISOR

Alex Knox, P.Geo., is a Calgary, Alberta-based geologist with over five decades of experience in mineral exploration. He brings unparalleled expertise regarding rare earth elements (REE), niobium, and other critical metals. His distinguished career includes key roles at major organizations such as Unocal Canada Ltd. and Molycorp, where he contributed to significant discoveries and developments in industrial minerals, uranium, and base metals.

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Corporate Snapshot



Capital Structure (May 2026)

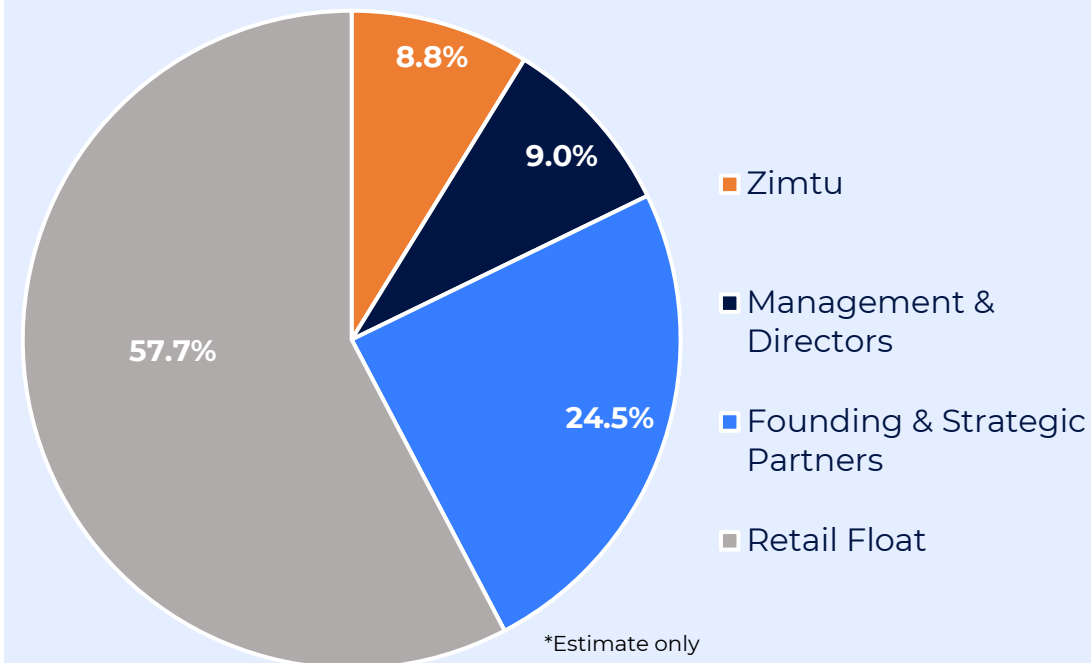
Shares Outstanding: **83,973,875**

Fully Diluted: **110,018,372**

Warrants	Exercise Price	Total Proceeds
906,000	\$0.667	\$604,000
3,200,000	\$0.75	\$2,400,000
800,000	\$2.50	\$2,000,000
4,000,000	\$3.00	\$12,000,000
102,000	\$3.00	\$306,000
9,008,000		\$17,310,000

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 Frankfurt: KL9 WKN: A40CCQ
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Share Ownership



Corporate Milestones



- *Announced Rift Acquisition*
- *\$10M Strategic Raise*
- *Re-logging, Re-Assaying & 3D Model*

Added to Sprott ETF

Drilling Commences at Cap Project



- *Rift Permitting Completed*
- *Drilling Commences at Rift*

Key Takeaways



Critical Mineral & Supply Risk

China controls ~90% of global REEs and Brazil ~91% of niobium — prompting \$100B+ in US investment to secure domestic critical mineral supply



Rift Project

Globally significant REE and niobium-bearing carbonatite complex with active drilling at Rift and Phase One results confirming broad, high-grade REO mineralization.



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Leadership & Execution

Proven team with strong track record in fundraising, M&A and critical mineral discovery, supported by a well-structured, fully funded aggressive drill program.



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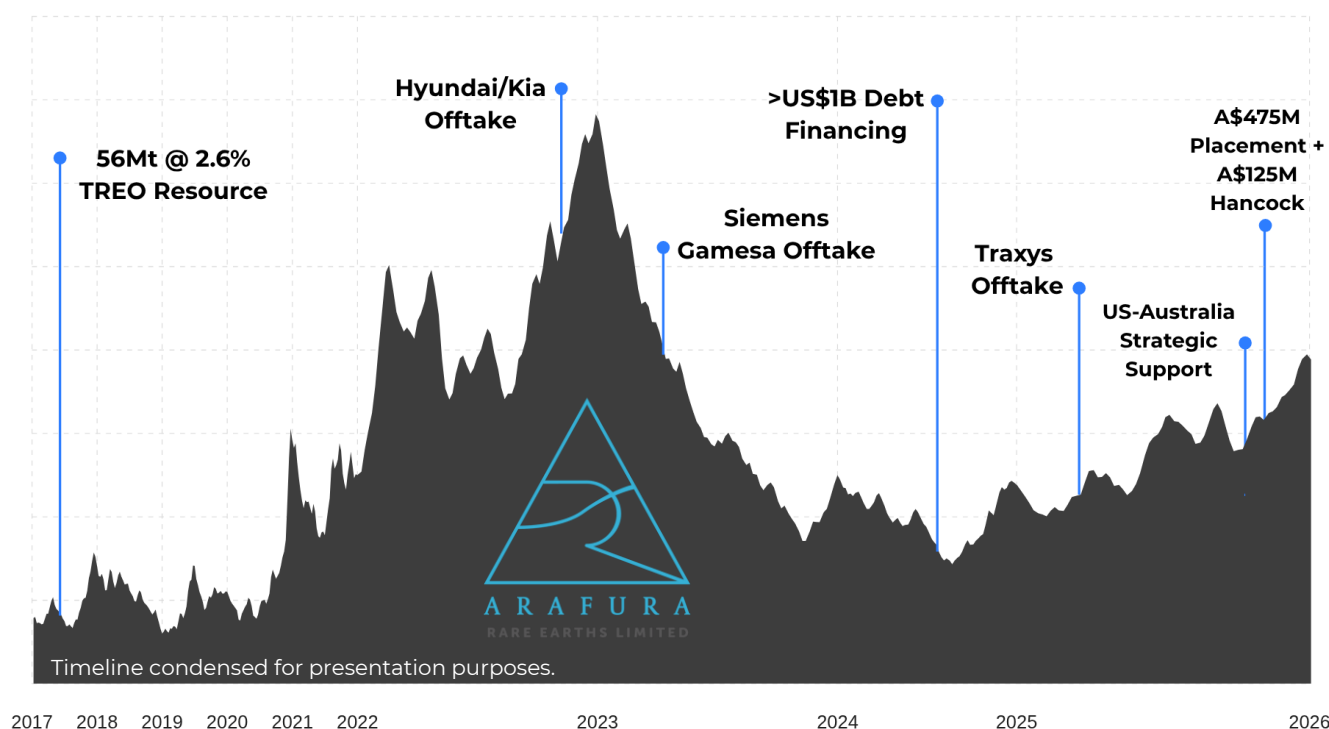
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**Advancing
high-demand,
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projects in
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A white helicopter is parked on a grassy field in a mountainous, forested area. The background shows a dense forest of evergreen trees under a cloudy sky. A person is standing near the helicopter on the left, and another person is partially visible on the right edge of the frame.

APPENDIX

Arafura Rare Earths (ASX:ARU)



ASX: ARU HISTORIC SHARE PRICE PERFORMANCE AND SIGNIFICANT MILESTONES¹

- Nolans project hosts a **56Mt Resource @ 2.6% TREO**, with **26.4% NdPr enrichment**, hosted primarily in **apatite** (fluorapatite) with subordinate **monazite** and **allanite**.
- Arafura secured binding NdPr offtakes with **Hyundai/Kia**, **Siemens Gamesa**, and **Traxys**.
- Traxys agreed to purchase **100 tpa NdPr oxide over five years**, expandable to **300 tpa**.
- Nolans was selected as a priority project under the **US-Australia Critical Minerals Framework**, with **US\$100M EFA support** and a **US EXIM LOI up to US\$300M**.
- Arafura announced a **~A\$475M placement**, including a strategic investment from **Hancock Prospecting**.
- Arafura reported **>US\$1B in conditionally approved debt finance**, supporting Nolans toward FID and construction.
- Nolans is targeting both **NdPr oxide** and a **phosphoric acid by-product** from its phosphate-rich mineralogy.