

Press Release

Niocan inc.

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Niocan announces it has concluded subject to approval of regulatory authorities, agreements for the purchase of surface rights of a second and third property covering 7.1 ha and 44.8 ha respectively. An agreement in principle for a right of way was also signed with the "Abbaye Cistercienne d'Oka" for the tailing and water recirculation lines. Niocan has engaged a sum of \$435,000 for the purchase of these properties.

These agreements give Niocan control over all the land which covers the ore deposits and is needed for the construction site for the mine complex.

Niocan also confirms that the 250,000 warrants held by the Fonds de Solidarité FTQ, as well as 100,000 warrants held by two private investors have been exercised. This has resulted in a contribution of \$227,500 to the company's treasury.

Niocan inc. is a mineral resources company which owns a deposit of niobium with proven and probable reserves for a minimum of 15 years operation **with an estimated recoverable value of \$1.0 billion**. The company is focusing on the development of its project to produce ferroniobium by the end of 2001. Ferroniobium is used in the production of specialty alloys for aerospace, power turbines; and in high strength low alloy steel used in the automobile, construction and pipeline industries.

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