Johnson County issues permit for mine project

(KLZA)-- Johnson County, Nebraska, Commissioners have approved a Special Use Permit for NioCorp's Elk Creek Superalloy Material Project.

A company new release says Commissioners found the project was not incompatible with agriculture use, and was designed to minimize impacts on neighboring property, and would likey result in an appreciation of the value of surrounding structures and property.

Mineral extraction is already a permitted special use in the agricultural zoning district where the project will be located near Elk Creek.

Under the terms of the permit, NioCorp agrees to upgrade Road 721 from the Right-of-Way of State Highway 50 to the entrance to the project site. The current gravel road will be upgraded to a paved road with NioCorp will engineer, construct and maintain for the county.

In addition, NioCorp will reimburse Johnson County for the costs for additional law Enforcement required during the construction phase of the Elk Creek Mine project, including the costs of an additional Deputy Sheriff and equipment.

Scott Honan, President of Elk Creek Resources Corporation and Vice President of Business Development for NioCorp says the company looks forward to being able to move to a construction start, once sufficient financing for the project is secured.

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