

# Appia Rare Earths & Uranium Accelerates Brazil Ionic-Clay Project with 300-Hole Drill Program

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June 26, 2025 – [Appia Rare Earths & Uranium Corp.](#)'s (CSE: API | OTCQB: APAAF) PCH ionic-adsorption clay project in Brazil "is very hot" and moving faster than many, CEO Tom Drivas told InvestorNews host Tracy Hughes, outlining plans to sink "at least 200 or 300 drill holes in the next three to four months" across two high-priority zones.

The aggressive timetable is fueled by fresh capital: Appia [closed](#) the first tranche of a private placement for C\$1.094 million this morning, earmarking roughly C\$860,000 for its Brazilian work. Drivas himself subscribed for C\$157,000—"about 1.6 million units," he noted—bringing his personal stake to roughly 40 million shares. "I'm a definite believer," he said, underscoring management's confidence at a time when the stock price hovers near 52-week lows.

Appia's bet rests on the chemistry of ionic clays. Laboratory tests at the University of Toronto show that "90% to 95% of the rare earths come out within one minute" when mixed with ammonium sulfate, Drivas explained. "It's basically a wash—the kinetics are very fast—so we don't need to build a big processing plant; it's just a wash machine." With minimal overburden and near-surface mineralization, he argues, the project could reach concentrate production "within two or three years," pending formal NI 43-101 and PEA studies expected within the next 12 months.

Those studies will run in parallel with Appia's Canadian ambitions. The company—a Toronto-listed junior with rights to acquire up to 70 percent of the 42,900-hectare PCH project—also controls Saskatchewan's Alces Lake, where a June 12 [news release](#) detailed plans to resume exploration this summer. "Our focus for this exploration season is clear: to pinpoint and prioritize the most compelling drill targets that could lead us to the larger source(s) of Alces Lake's REE mineralization," Drivas said in that announcement, citing new 3-D geophysical data and upcoming gravity surveys aimed at depths of 500 meters.

Beyond Brazil and Saskatchewan, Appia holds uranium prospects in the Athabasca Basin and rare-earth-uranium assets at Ontario's Elliot Lake camp, giving the company exposure to both green-energy supply chains and the evolving nuclear renaissance. Rare earth prices remain volatile, but Drivas' strategy—light on capex, heavy on near-term drilling—positions the junior to generate concentrate sales long before most hard-rock peers have finished permitting.

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Company is also focusing on delineating high-grade critical rare earth elements and gallium on the Alces Lake property, and exploring for high-grade uranium in the prolific Athabasca Basin on its Otherside, Loranger, North Wollaston, and Eastside properties. The Company holds the surface rights to exploration for 94,982.39 hectares (234,706.59 acres) in Saskatchewan. The Company also has a 100% interest in 13,008 hectares (32,143 acres), with rare earth elements and uranium deposits over five mineralized zones in the Elliot Lake Camp, Ontario.

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