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DRILLING COMMENCED AT KILDARE PROJECT

The Directors of Zinc of Ireland NL (ASX: ZMI) (“**ZMI**” or “**Company**”) are pleased to announce that drilling has commenced at the Company's Kildare project.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Two diamond drill rigs mobilised and drilling at Kildare.
- Drilling designed to target shallow, high grade mineralisation and extensions.
- Historical drill results include **48m @ 12.2% Zn + Pb from 14m** (HB107) and **61m @ 10.3% Zn + Pb from 6m** (HB73).
- Initial results from drilling are anticipated to be received in September.

Drilling has now commenced at the Company's Kildare project with the drill program being designed to test historical shallow mineralisation and potential extensions to historic mineralisation. A total of four holes for approximately 1,000m are planned.

The Company will continue to provide updates to shareholders in respect of the Kildare project & the Company's other projects.

Yours faithfully,

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Non-Executive Chairman
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No material change has occurred since the Company's announcement dated 17th March 2016 and the information contained in the JORC tables still applies

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Competent Person Statement

The information in this document that relates to exploration results is based on information compiled by Mr Benjamin Sharp BSc MAIG, a Competent Person who is a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Mr Sharp is a director and shareholder of Zinc of Ireland NL. Mr Sharp has sufficient experience, which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and types of deposits under consideration and to the activity which has been undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (JORC Code). Mr Sharp consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

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