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SULLY PROJECT GEOPHYSICAL, PERMITTING AND DRILLING UPDATE

Vancouver, Canada, April 20, 2017 – Kootenay Zinc Corp. (the “**Company**”) (CSE:ZNK; OTCQB:KTNNF; FSE:KYH) is pleased to announce the following update to its Sully exploration project at Fort Steele, BC. Spring break-up conditions have dramatically improved and the project team has commenced several concurrent activities, including preparations for drilling hole SY17-12 at the E1S target.

Geophysics

Excel Geophysics has completed an additional 180 gravity stations at the E1 anomaly since mobilizing on April 12, 2017, bringing station spacing there to roughly 20m x 20m. The new gravity work will assist in improved targeting of that anomaly but will also help in benchmarking the appropriate station spacing to develop equivalent mass models for the other anomalies at Sully. Once work at E1 is completed the geophysical crew will continue their field work over E2, E3 and E4 to provide definition of these recently identified and larger magnitude gravity anomalies.

Permitting and Related Studies

The project team reports it is now in receipt of an approved Notice of Work (NOW) permit for all planned drilling at Sully, including tests of the E2, E3 and E4 anomalies identified in late 2016. As the field season progresses and additional targeting information is acquired the team will evaluate access opportunities and priorities for subsequent drill sites such that drilling can continue seamlessly through the field season.

Drill Hole SY17-12 at E1S Target

FB Drilling has now mobilized to the site and is setting up at a new collar approximately 50m south of the SY17-10/11 site to test the E1S target described previously. Drilling will be undertaken using the same methodology and approach as previous holes, including: tools to minimize deviation of the hole and to provide oriented core for measurement of structural features. DDH SY17-12 will be oriented at a dip of -45 degrees toward east and the target is expected to be intersected between 200m and 300m.

As described in previous news, drill targeting at E1S is intended to provide proof-of-concept, specifically that the gravity masses indicated are caused by massive sulphides. If successful, drilling will be expanded to test all of the EAST anomalies once their mass models are completed. The Sully project team is excited to test and determine the composition of these gravity masses.

About the Company

Kootenay Zinc Corp. is a mineral exploration and development company based in Vancouver, British Columbia that is presently targeting the Sully Property. The Company is focused on discovering large-scale sedimentary-exhalative (“**SEDEX**”) deposits.

The Sully Property comprises 1,375 hectares located approximately 30 kilometres east of Kimberley, B.C., and overlies rocks of similar age and origin as those which host the world-class Sullivan deposit, owned by Teck Resources Ltd. Sullivan was discovered in 1892, and is known to be one of the largest SEDEX deposits in the world. Over its 100-year lifetime, Sullivan produced approximately 150 million tonnes of ore, including approximately three hundred million ounces of silver, eight million tonnes of zinc and eight million tonnes of lead. The equivalent level of strata

as at Sullivan and that formed on the margin of that same basin are present at the Sully Property. The Company cautions that past results or discoveries on proximate land are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be achieved on the Sully Property.

The scientific and technical information contained in this news release has been reviewed and approved by the Company's Project Manager, Paul Ransom, P.Geo., a "Qualified Person" as defined in National Instrument 43-101 – *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects*.

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authorizations relating to the continued exploration and development of the Company's projects; (xvi) risks related to the outcome of legal actions; (xvii) political and regulatory risks associated with mining and exploration; (xix) risks related to current global financial conditions; and (xx) other risks and uncertainties related to the Company's prospects, properties and business strategy. These risks, as well as others, could cause actual results and events to vary significantly. There can be no assurance that planned exploration will be completed as proposed or at all, or that economic resources will be discovered or developed at the Sully Property. Accordingly, actual results may differ materially from those currently anticipated in such statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in forward looking statements include, but are not limited to, continued availability of capital and financing and general economic, market or business conditions, the loss of key directors, employees, advisors or consultants, equipment failures, failure of counterparties to perform their contractual obligations and fees charged by service providers. Investors are cautioned that forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance or events and, accordingly are cautioned not to put undue reliance on forward-looking statements due to the inherent uncertainty of such statements. The forward-looking statements included in this news release are made as of the date hereof and the Company disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as expressly required by applicable securities legislation. Neither the Canadian Securities Exchange nor its regulation services provider accepts responsibility for the adequacy or accuracy of this news release.