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## Announcement in relation to Progress of Acquisition of Nevsun Resources Ltd. by All Cash Takeover

Reference is made to the announcements of Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd.\* (the "Company") dated 5 September 2018, 17 September 2018, 24 October 2018, 1 November 2018, 20 November 2018, 30 December 2018 and 8 January 2019 (the "Announcements") in relation to the Company's proposed acquisition of all of the common shares ("Nevsun Shares") of Nevsun Resources Ltd. ("Nevsun") pursuant to an all cash friendly takeover bid offering consideration of CAD \$6 per Nevsun Share (the "Offer"). Unless otherwise indicated, capitalised terms used in this announcement shall have the same meanings as defined in the Announcements.

As at 5:00 p.m., 12 March 2019 (Toronto time), the Company acquired the remaining 23,184,095 Nevsun Shares pursuant to compulsory acquisition. The Company holds 309,749,905 Nevsun Shares, representing 100% of the total issued and outstanding Nevsun Shares.

The Nevsun Shares have been delisted from the Toronto Stock Exchange and the New York Stock Exchange.

Investors and shareholders are advised by the Board to exercise caution when dealing in the securities of the Company.

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of Directors of the Company comprises Messrs. Chen Jinghe (Chairman), Lan Fusheng, Zou Laichang, Lin Hongfu, Fang Qixue, and Ms. Lin Hongying as executive directors, Mister. Li Jian as non-executive director, and Messrs. Lu Shihua, Zhu Guang, Sit Hoi Wah, Kenneth, and Cai Meifeng as independent non-executive directors.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd.\*

Chen Jinghe

Chairman

13 March 2019, Fujian, the PRC

\* The Company's English name is for identification purpose only