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Trilogy Metals Announces the Resignation of Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse as CEO and the Appointment of James Gowans as Interim CEO

September 5, 2019 - Vancouver, British Columbia – Trilogy Metals Inc. (TSX / NYSE American: TMQ) ("Trilogy Metals" or the "Company") announces the resignation of Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse as CEO, President and director of Trilogy Metals. James (Jim) Gowans has been appointed CEO and President on an interim basis.

Mr. Van Nieuwenhuyse will remain as a consultant to the Company until January 31, 2020 and will assist with transitional matters and with advancing the Company's interests in Alaska.

The Board of Directors of Trilogy Metals wishes to thank Mr. Van Nieuwenhuyse for his contributions to the Company over the years including the integral role he has played in the development of the Ambler Mining District. In 2004, Mr. Van Nieuwenhuyse negotiated the acquisition of the Ambler Mining District assets from Rio Tinto subsidiary, Kennecott Copper. In 2011, he concluded an agreement with NANA Regional Corporation, Inc. for the Bornite property further consolidating the district and developing a partnership with a leading Alaska Native Corporation. Mr. Van Nieuwenhuyse built a partnership with the State of Alaska, specifically, the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority, to promote the development of a road to the Ambler Mining District. That effort culminated recently with the issuance of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Ambler Mining District Industrial Access Project, a proposed 211-mile road that will link the Ambler Mining District to the existing rail and port infrastructure in southcentral Alaska.

About Jim Gowans

Mr. Gowans is a director of the Company and was President and CEO of Arizona Mining Inc. from 2016 to 2018 when Arizona Mining was purchased by South32 Limited. Previously he was a Senior Advisor to the Chairman, Co-President and EVP and COO at Barrick Gold Corporation from 2014 to 2015. Mr. Gowans has extensive experience in Alaska. He completed the feasibility study for the Red Dog Mine, oversaw the design and construction of that mine and then operated Red Dog for three years after commissioning.

The Board of Directors of the Company will commence a search for a permanent Chief Executive Officer shortly.

About Trilogy Metals

Trilogy Metals Inc. is a metals exploration company focused on exploring and developing the Ambler mining district located in northwestern Alaska. It is one of the richest and most-prospective known copper-dominant districts located in one of the safest geopolitical jurisdictions in the world. It hosts world-class polymetallic volcanogenic massive sulphide ("VMS") deposits that contain copper, zinc, lead, gold and silver, and carbonate replacement deposits which have been found to host high grade copper mineralization. Exploration efforts

have been focused on two deposits in the Ambler mining district - the Arctic VMS deposit and the Bornite carbonate replacement deposit. Both deposits are located within the Company's land package that spans approximately 143,000 hectares. The Company has an agreement with NANA Regional Corporation, Inc., a Regional Alaska Native Corporation, that provides a framework for the exploration and potential development of the Ambler mining district in cooperation with local communities. Our vision is to develop the Ambler mining district into a premier North American copper producer.

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