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DRILLING COMMENCES AT THE WOODLAWN PROJECT IN AUSTRALIA

Tri Origin Exploration Ltd. (TOE:TSE) is pleased to announce that drilling has commenced at the 100%-owned Woodlawn project, New South Wales, Australia.

The project encompasses the prospective Woodlawn Mining District, 200 kilometres southwest of Sydney, which was the third largest base metal producing area in New South Wales. The most notable past-producing mine is Woodlawn, which contained a resource of 18 million tonnes grading 10% zinc, 2% copper and 80 grams per tonne of silver. Two other smaller satellite deposits also recorded recent production. In 1999, Tri Origin acquired the entire district due to the recognition of its exceptional potential to host large, as yet undiscovered, economically viable base and precious metal deposits.

Exploration is being conducted through an option agreement signed in May 2000 between Tri Origin's 91.1%-owned subsidiary Tri Origin Australia N.L. (TOA) and Inmet Mining Corporation. Inmet is funding the project and has an option to earn 60% interest in the Woodlawn District by spending \$3.5 million (Australian) on exploration and making cash payments of \$310,000 (Australian) over a four-year period. Tri Origin is carrying out the exploration program under a separate contract with Inmet.

At the Woodlawn project, drill targets were generated during the recently completed phase of ground geophysical surveying that was reported in Tri Origin's September 7, 2000 news release. Numerous high priority targets were identified and defined by electromagnetic geophysical anomalies, previous geochemical data and re-interpretation of the regional geological setting which hosts the Woodlawn mine.

The drill program will consist of approximately 600 metres of diamond drilling and will target three anomalies located between 1 and 3 kilometres from the Woodlawn mine. Drilling will end in mid-December and results will be available prior to the holiday season. Drilling will then re-commence in January 2001. Inmet has approved an initial budget at Woodlawn of \$250,000 for 2001. The majority of these funds will be expended on drilling early in the new-year at approximately 10 target areas selected from evaluation of the project's extensive database.

Tri Origin is excited about its prospects at Woodlawn. This initial phase of drilling provides the opportunity to begin detailed evaluation of the advanced portfolio of properties recently assembled by Tri Origin in New South Wales.

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