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First National Bank Invests \$1.5 Million with Grameen America

OMAHA, Neb. June 20, 2017. – First National Bank has provided a \$1.5 million Equity-Equivalent Investment to Grameen America, announced Alec Gorynski, Vice President, Corporate Philanthropy and Social Responsibility. First National Bank’s investment will support micro-lending activities to low-or-moderate income women in the Omaha area.

“At First National Bank, we recognize we have the ability to serve as a key connector to stability and growth within the Omaha community. That’s why we partner with organizations like Grameen America who are working to strengthen our community by creating and growing local businesses through training, technical assistance, education and micro-finance,” said Gorynski.

Grameen America is a nonprofit Community Development Financial Institution with a mission of eliminating poverty through economic development strategies. Grameen America provides education, training, credit building, microloans and ongoing support to low-or-moderate income women who desire to start and operate a small business. Since opening in 2009, Grameen’s Omaha branch has served more than 6,800 women in the Omaha area and disbursed 23,160 loans worth \$52.8 million. Grameen maintains a 99.8% repayment rate and has helped increase credit scores to an average of 635.

The bank provided a separate \$1 million Equity-Equivalent Investment to Grameen America in 2014 in support of its micro-lending activities in the Omaha area. First National Bank also supports Grameen’s operations in Omaha with community development grants.

First National Bank is a subsidiary of First National of Nebraska. First National of Nebraska is the largest privately owned banking company in the United States. First National of Nebraska and its affiliates have more than \$21 billion in assets and 5,000 employee associates. Primary banking offices are located in Nebraska, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, South Dakota and Texas.

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