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## High-Grade Gold Intercepts at Big Blow Strengthen Tindals Open Pits Programme

**Best results of 4m @ 23.4g/t Au, 5m @ 9.6g/t Au and 13m @ 7.5g/t Au**

Gold producer Focus Minerals (ASX: **FML**) is pleased to advise that drilling to establish a sustainable production base for upcoming open pit mining at its **Coolgardie Gold Operations** in Western Australia has delivered a series of outstanding high-grade gold intersections from the **Big Blow** deposit, at the Tindals Mining Centre.

The ongoing forty five hole surface drilling program at Big Blow, which is testing strike extensions to the north and south, and depth extensions 40m below the current planned pit, has delivered excellent intersections from the first thirty holes which is very encouraging given their density and proximity to an existing planned pit. Best results include (also refer Figure 1):

- **4m @ 23.4g/t Au from 76m**
- **5m @ 9.6g/t Au from 92m**
- **13m @ 7.5g/t Au from 84m, and**
- **6m @ 6.4g/t Au from 77m.**

Focus Minerals CEO, Campbell Baird, said the results from Big Blow pointed to the potential for future stage expansion of the existing planned open pit.

“The Tindals open pits will form the third leg of our planned production profile in 2011. We presently have an open pit reserve at Tindals of 390,000 @ 2.1g/t for 26,400 ozs, and with results from a further fifteen holes still pending along a 250m strike length we will work towards upgrading our resource model to define further stages for the Big Blow open pit.”

Big Blow is one of several potential open pit projects located in the Tindals Mining Centre, from where the bulk of ore is presently sourced from the underground operations.

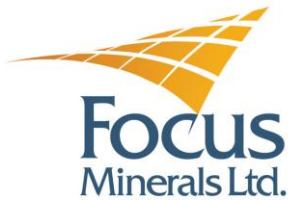
The Company plans to commence open pit production at the Tindals Mining Centre in the June Quarter once all approvals have been received. This will supplement the underground ore currently sourced from Tindals as well as the planned new underground mining centre at The Mount, located to the south-east of Focus' Three Mile Hill treatment facility.

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### **COMPETENT PERSON'S STATEMENT**

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results and Minerals Resources is based on information compiled by Dr Garry Adams who is a member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Dr Adams is a full time employee of Focus Minerals and has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Dr Adams consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on the information in the form and content in which it appears.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION – FOCUS MINERALS LTD**

Focus Minerals Ltd (ASX: FML) is an Australian-based gold producer based in the Coolgardie-Kalgoorlie-Widgiemooltha region of Western Australia. The company holds the mineral rights to more than 305 km<sup>2</sup> of tenements and is the largest landholder in the Coolgardie Gold Belt located in Western Australia, 560km east of Perth and 35km west of the 'Super Pit' in Kalgoorlie-Boulder. More than 2.6 million ounces of gold has been produced from the Coolgardie gold belt alone since 1892.

Focus is currently in production from its flagship Tindals Mining Centre operation in Coolgardie, adjacent to its 1.2mtpa Three Mile Hill processing plant. The Tindals Mining Centre comprises a major underground production operation and the business will commence open cut mining at Tindals in the first half of calendar 2011 from a series of deposits. In addition, Focus will also commence production from another new operation in the first half of 2011 at The Mount underground project located 80km to the south.

**Appendix 1** Open Pit Reserves in the Tindals Mining Centre (for full reserve table please refer to the September 2010 Quarterly ASX announcement).

| <b>Tindals Mining Centre Open Pit Reserves</b> |                   |                |                    |               |
|--|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|
|  |                   | <b>Tonnes</b>  | <b>Grade (g/t)</b> | <b>Ounces</b> |
| Probable Reserve                               | Big Blow          | 63,000         | 2.2                | 4,500         |
|  | Dreadnought North | 54,000         | 1.8                | 3,100         |
|  | Empress           | 113,000        | 2.6                | 9,500         |
|  | Alicia            | 160,000        | 1.8                | 9,300         |
|  | <b>Total:</b>     | <b>390,000</b> | <b>2.1</b>         | <b>26,400</b> |

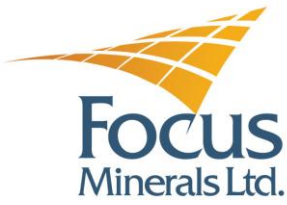
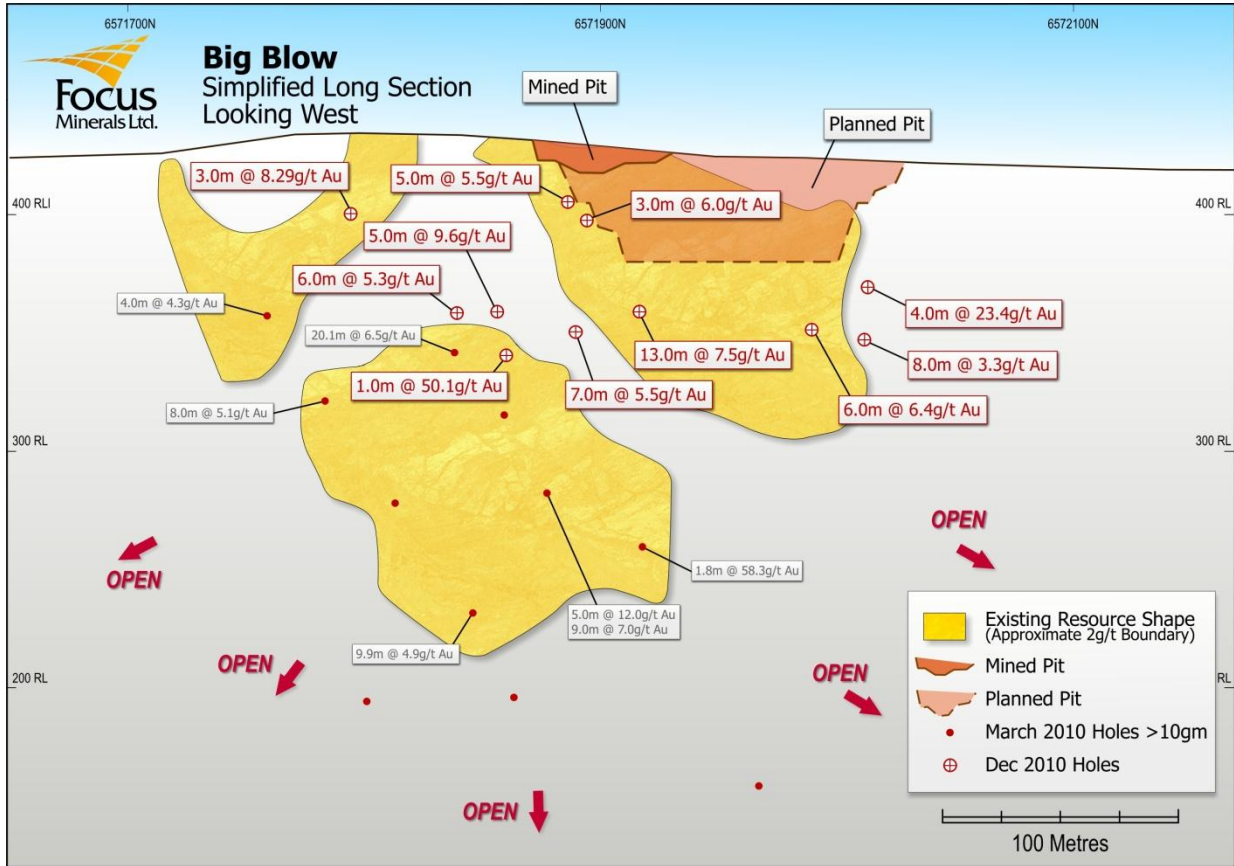


Figure 1 – Long Section of the Big Blow Deposit with recent significant intersections shown.



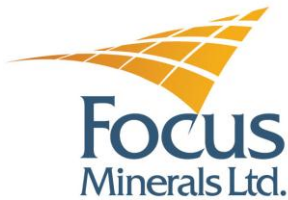


Table 1 – Significant results from ongoing Big Blow drilling program

| Hole Number | Northing | Easting | RL  | Azimuth | Dip | Total Depth | From (m) | To (m) | Interval (m) | Grade (g/t) |
|-------------|----------|---------|-----|---------|-----|-------------|----------|--------|--------------|-------------|
| TNDC0325    | 6572017  | 325580  | 422 | 270     | -60 | 131         | 36.00    | 51.00  | 15.00        | 2.41        |
|             |          |         |     |         |     |             | 76.00    | 80.00  | 4.00         | 23.36       |
| TNDC0326    | 6572012  | 325589  | 422 | 270     | -60 | 137         | 69.00    | 77.00  | 8.00         | 3.30        |
| TNDC0328    | 6571993  | 325588  | 422 | 270     | -60 | 140         | 77.00    | 83.00  | 6.00         | 6.42        |
| TNDC0329    | 6571915  | 325570  | 426 | 270     | -60 | 137         | 84.00    | 97.00  | 13.00        | 7.49        |
| TNDC0331    | 6571899  | 325572  | 426 | 270     | -60 | 143         | 93.00    | 100.00 | 7.00         | 5.51        |
| TNDC0341    | 6571865  | 325566  | 428 | 270     | -60 | 161         | 65.00    | 66.00  | 1.00         | 50.10       |
|             |          |         |     |         |     |             | 105.00   | 111.00 | 6.00         | 2.23        |
| TNDC0342    | 6571857  | 325553  | 429 | 270     | -60 | 135         | 92.00    | 97.00  | 5.00         | 9.58        |
| TNDC0343    | 6571838  | 325549  | 429 | 270     | -60 | 137         | 95.00    | 101.00 | 6.00         | 5.25        |
| TNDC0344    | 6571819  | 325546  | 428 | 270     | -60 | 143         | 31.00    | 35.00  | 4.00         | 1.12        |
|             |          |         |     |         |     |             | 94.00    | 103.00 | 9.00         | 3.96        |
| BGC049      | 6571890  | 325535  | 432 | 270     | -57 | 48          | 38.00    | 40.00  | 2.00         | 6.70        |
|             |          |         |     |         |     |             | 45.00    | 48.00  | 3.00         | 6.03        |
| BGC052      | 6571880  | 325529  | 433 | 270     | -46 | 42          | 27.00    | 29.00  | 2.00         | 2.36        |
| BGC056      | 6571860  | 325520  | 432 | 270     | -60 | 48          | 20.00    | 35.00  | 15.00        | 2.58        |
|             |          |         |     |         |     |             | 40.00    | 45.00  | 5.00         | 5.54        |
| BGC058      | 6571850  | 325513  | 432 | 270     | -60 | 48          | 9.00     | 13.00  | 4.00         | 2.77        |
|             |          |         |     |         |     |             | 21.00    | 24.00  | 3.00         | 2.04        |
| BGC060      | 6571840  | 325510  | 432 | 270     | -60 | 48          | 0.00     | 4.00   | 4.00         | 2.08        |
| BGC065      | 6571830  | 325480  | 434 | 270     | -60 | 48          | 34.00    | 36.00  | 2.00         | 3.50        |
| BGC068      | 6571820  | 325510  | 432 | 270     | -60 | 48          | 4.00     | 6.00   | 2.00         | 4.09        |
| BGC080      | 6571790  | 325520  | 429 | 270     | -60 | 48          | 14.00    | 17.00  | 3.00         | 8.21        |
| BGC091      | 6571770  | 325490  | 431 | 270     | -60 | 48          | 1.00     | 3.00   | 2.00         | 4.63        |
| BGC097      | 6571750  | 325500  | 427 | 270     | -60 | 48          | 13.00    | 16.00  | 3.00         | 2.90        |
| BGC102      | 6571720  | 325510  | 424 | 270     | -60 | 48          | 0.00     | 10.00  | 10.00        | 1.44        |
|             |          |         |     |         |     |             | 12.00    | 15.00  | 3.00         | 3.78        |
| BGC123      | 6571840  | 325473  | 433 | 270     | -60 | 48          | 30.00    | 32.00  | 2.00         | 2.25        |
| BGC056A     | 6571860  | 325520  | 432 | 270     | -60 | 48          | 16.00    | 19.00  | 3.00         | 2.05        |
| BGC059A     | 6571840  | 325520  | 431 | 270     | -60 | 48          | 0.00     | 2.00   | 2.00         | 4.72        |