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# High-Grade Near-Surface Gold Hits Strengthen Happy Jack Open Pit

Best results of 8m @ 55.6g/t Au and 2m @ 20.7g/t Au reveal large extension of high-grade zone

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 **Happy Jack** deposit, adjacent to its flagship Tindals Mining Centre.

The ongoing 20-hole surface drilling program at Happy Jack, which is intended to validate historical drilling and test for high-grade ore potential, has delivered excellent intersections from the first 12 holes (*refer Table 1*), including :

- o 8m @ 55.6g/t Au from 114m (with visible Au)
- o 2m @ 20.7g/t Au from 29 metres
- o 4m @ 7.0g/t Au from 75 metres, and
- 2m @ 5.3g/t Au from 88 metres.

Happy Jack is one of several potential open pit projects located near the Tindals Mining Centre, from where the bulk of ore is presently sourced from underground for Focus' Coolgardie Gold Operations.

The Company plans to commence open pit production in early 2011, supplementing underground ore sourced from Tindals and the new mining centre at The Mount, located to the south-east of the Three Mile Hill treatment facility.

As part of this process, a targeted RC drilling program has been underway testing along the recently defined Happy Jack deposit trend.

Recent exploration drilling at the Big Blow project, located immediately west of Happy Jack, in conjunction with recent QA-QC work, has identified not just the larger-than-expected extent of the Happy Jack trend (+600 metres) but also historical high-grade drilling intercepts that provide indications of high-grade trends (see Figure 1).

Historical intercepts from 1994 drilling include **2m @ 22.6g/t** from 51m and **3m @ 31.1g/t** from 53m.

The identification of these higher grade trends assisted with the targeting of holes such as TNDC0316 down-plunge to test the extent of the high-grade zone and the resulting intersection of 8m @ 55.6g/t from 114m is a very pleasing outcome.



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The results to date of the other drill holes are also pleasing as the grade has been uniformly higher than expected (Table 1).

The Happy Jack deposit trend lies just to the east of the current Big Blow deposit, which currently has a planned open pit reserve of 63,000t @ 2.2g/t for 4,500 ounces (see *Figure 2*) out of a total current open pit reserve at the Tindals Mining Centre of 390,000t @ 2.1g/t for 26,400 ounces (refer Appendix 1).

The recent drilling has been undertaken at Happy Jack with a view to testing whether it is appropriate to accelerate its position within the development schedule for evaluation for potential open pit mining.

The encouraging results received to date indicate the potential for Happy Jack to contribute to further additions to the Tindals Mining Centre Open Pit reserve base. Happy Jack currently contains a small Inferred Resource of 198,000t @ 1.7g/t Au for 10,900 contained ounces (*refer Appendix 2*).

The Happy Jack deposit remains open along strike to the north and south, with wide-spaced RC drilling completed in the March 2010 Quarter identifying a 600m strike length.

Following the receipt of assays from the other eight holes, technical analysis of the recent drilling will guide future resource upgrades and follow-up drilling programs.

Focus Chief Executive Officer, Campbell Baird, said:

"We have been very active on the exploration front in recent months at Coolgardie – both underground and targeting open pit potential. As well as successfully targeting high-grade Perseverance-style underground deposits via EM, we have also been following up on historical drilling results that appeared to point to unexploited opportunities.

"This drilling at Happy Jack represents one such an opportunity. I am very pleased with this result as it extends significantly on a recently identified high-grade zone and demonstrates great potential for the Happy Jack area to contribute to future open pit production at Coolgardie commencing early next year."

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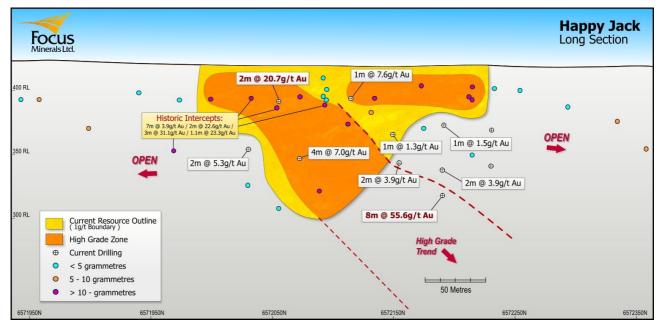
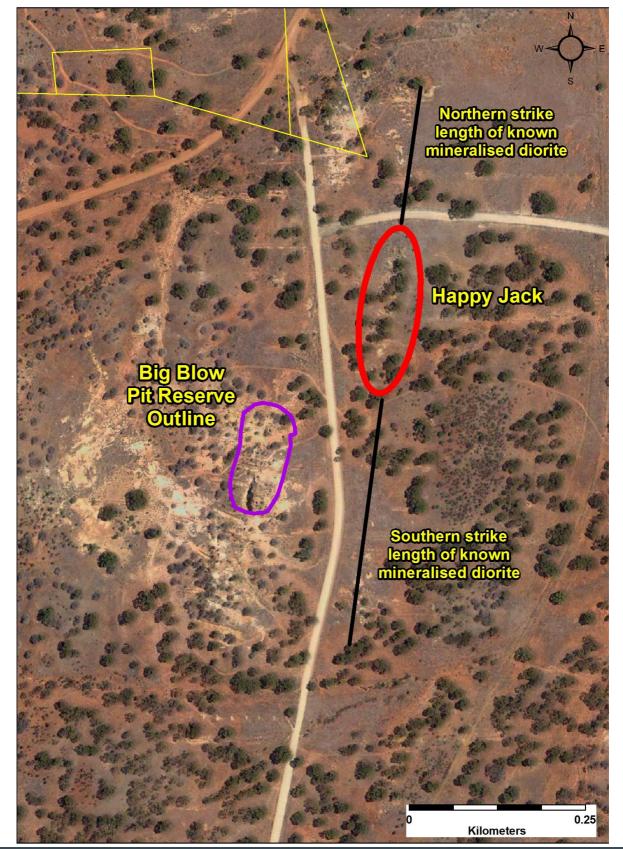


Figure 1 – Long Section of the Happy Jack Deposit showing plunge of the identified high grade zone

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Figure 2: Plan view of Happy Jack trend and its position with regards to Big Blow



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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.

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

Focus Minerals Ltd (ASX: **FML**) is an Australian-based exploration and development group whose focus is to become a significant gold and nickel producer in the Coolgardie-Kalgoorlie-Widgiemooltha region of Western Australia.

Focus Minerals 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 holds the mineral rights to more than 305sq km of tenements including an extensive inventory of Measured, Indicated and Inferred gold resources as well as the 1.2mtpa Three Mile Hill processing plant.



<b>Table 1:</b> Significant results from drilling program to date							
Hole	Northing	Easting	RL	From	To (m)	Interval	Grade
Number				(m)	. ,	(m)	(g/t)
TNDC0303	6572191	325746	420	35.00	36.00	1.00	1.29
				46.00	47.00	1.00	1.48
				52.00	53.00	1.00	1.45
TNDC0304	6572150	325736	419	67.00	68.00	1.00	1.34
TNDC0305	6572110	325709	418	27.00	28.00	1.00	1.68
				32.00	33.00	1.00	1.41
				40.00	41.00	1.00	7.61
				45.00	46.00	1.00	1.56
TNDC0310	6572190	325756	419	75.00	77.00	2.00	3.92
				81.00	83.00	2.00	3.73
TNDC0311	6572150	325746	419	36.00	37.00	1.00	1.40
				66.00	68.00	2.00	3.94
				75.00	78.00	3.00	2.71
TNDC0313	6572071	325726	418	75.00	79.00	4.00	7.04
				83.00	84.00	1.00	6.85
				111.00	112.00	1.00	9.12
TNDC0314	6572032	325422		80.00	81.00	1.00	2.67
				88.00	90.00	2.00	5.34
			420	127.00	128.00	1.00	3.08
TNDC0316	6572190	325766	419	103.00	107.00	4.00	3.22
				114.00	122.00	8.00	55.64
				132.00	133.00	1.00	2.75
				136.00	138.00	2.00	2.00
TNDC0320	6572053	325695	418	29.00	31.00	2.00	20.70
				37.00	38.00	1.00	1.94
				55.00	56.00	1.00	3.42

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

Tindals Mining Centre Open Pit Reserves						
		Tonnes	Grade (g/t)	Ounces		
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		
	Total:	390,000	2.1	26,400		

**Appendix 2** Open Pit Resources in the Tindals Mining Centre (for full resource table please refer to the June 2010 Quarterly ASX announcement).

Tindals Mining Centre Surface Resources										
	Indicated Resources			Inferred Resources			Total Resources			
	Tonnes	Grade Au g/t	Ounces	Tonnes	Grade Au g/t	Ounces	Tonnes	Grade Au g/t	Ounces	
Big Blow	279,000	3.7	32,900	94,000	5.8	17,500	373,000	4.2	50,400	
Brilliant	1,928,000	2.2	136,400	1,146,000	2.9	106,800	3,074,000	2.5	243,200	
Cookes	113,000	2.2	8,000	5,000	1.7	300	118,000	2.2	8,300	
Dreadnought	3,024,000	2.0	196,400	435,000	1.8	24,600	3,459,000	2.0	221,000	
Empress/Alicia	620,000	2.0	39,900	229,000	2.0	14,700	849,000	2.0	54,600	
Friendship				100,000	1.4	4,600	100,000	1.4	4,600	
Happy Jack				198,000	1.7	10,900	198,000	1.7	10,900	
Total	5,964,000	2.2	413,600	2,207,000	2.5	179,400	8,171,000	2.3	593,000	