

## FOCUS POISED TO BECOME SIGNIFICANT MID-TIER GOLD PRODUCER AFTER SECURING APPROVAL TO MINE AT THE MOUNT

Focus Minerals (ASX:FML) has taken a big step in its transformation to a substantial mid-tier gold producer by securing all necessary mining permits and environmental approval to mine The Mount, its 350,000-ounce deposit in WA's Goldfields.

The Mount, which lies 80km south of Focus' Tindals Mining Centre at Coolgardie, will play a key role in lifting the Company's production from 41,000 ounces last financial year to 80,000 ounces in 2010 and ultimately to 100,000 from 2011 as mining starts at its other surrounding deposits.

Focus Chief Executive Officer Campbell Baird said environmental approval at The Mount had paved the way for the construction of a decline, which began on Friday. This would enable the Company to run a trial mining operation aimed at determining the full potential of what is already known to be a substantial deposit.

Mr Baird said The Mount would be a significant source of feed for Focus' refurbished Three Mile Hill processing plant. Three Mile Hill, which is expected to be commissioned in November, will have an annual capacity of 1.2 million tonnes.

Environmental approval for The Mount comes as Focus prepares to recalculate the reserve and resource estimate at the Tindals Mining Centre based on an ongoing drilling program. The Mount forms part of Focus' overall resource base of 1.88 million ounces comprising of:

- Indicated 11,198,000t @ 2.1g/t for 755,000oz
- Inferred 12,099,000t @ 2.9g/t for 1,125,000oz

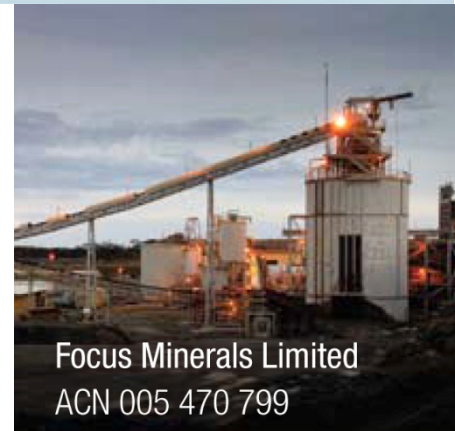
### MILLING CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Focus is also pleased to announce that it has just commenced its ninth milling campaign at the nearby Greenfields plant under a long-standing contract. This campaign extends for 49 milling days and will conclude towards the end of October.

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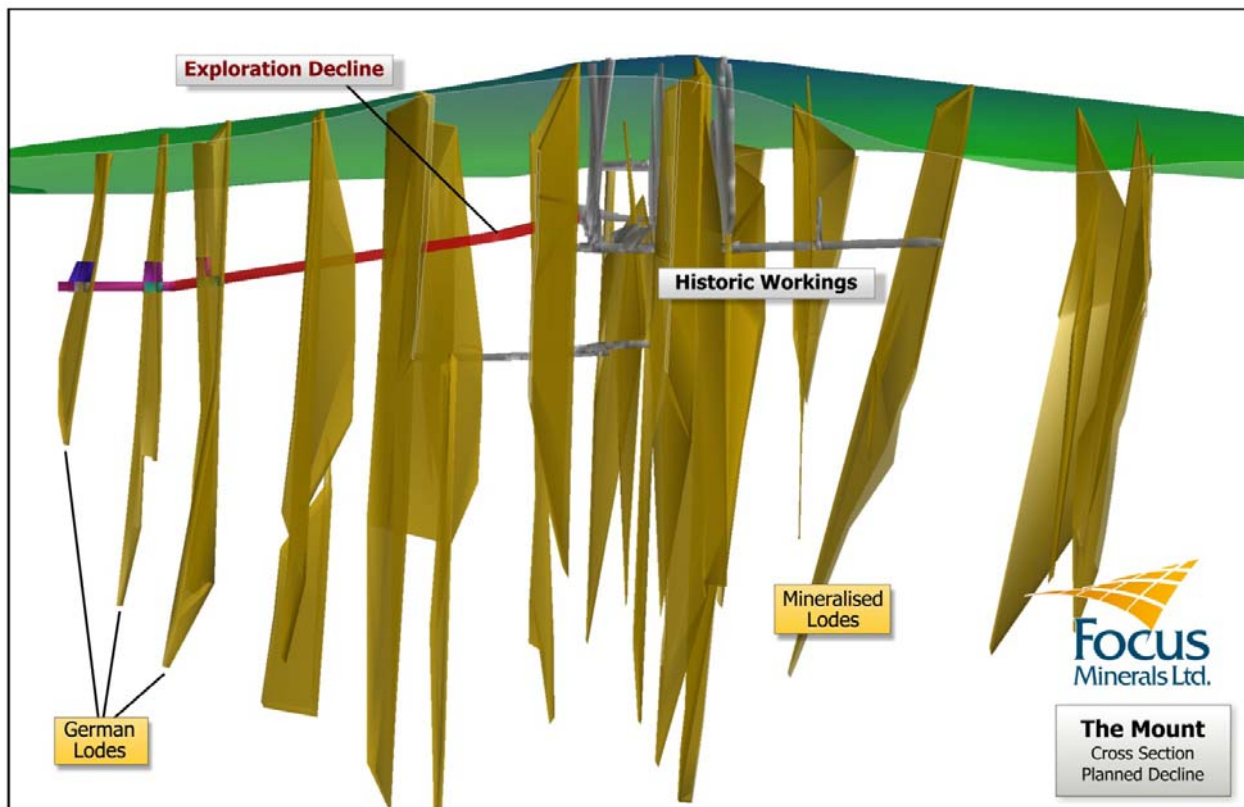
### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION – FOCUS MINERALS LTD**

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 210sq 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.

Focus commenced maiden commercial gold production in April 2008 through ore sourced from the Company's flagship Perseverance Deposit (Probable Reserve of 129,000oz). Earlier this year, the nearby Countess Deposit (Probable Reserve of 29,000oz) was also brought into production with ore from both deposits currently being milled at the nearby Greenfields treatment plant.

Figure 1 – Planned Decline



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Figure 2 – Plan View of Mineralised Structures

