

FOCUS SHAREHOLDERS OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORT SHANDONG GOLD PLACEMENT

Focus Minerals Ltd. (ASX: FML), a leading Australian gold producer and explorer, is pleased to announce that shareholders have overwhelmingly supported the Company's plan to raise approximately \$225 million through the Placement of new shares with Shandong Gold International Mining Corporation Limited.

Focus Minerals Chairman Don Taig said the investment would establish the foundation for Focus to become a highly profitable gold production company through the development of existing projects and new discoveries from targeted exploration as well as the potential for future value accretive acquisitions.

"Focus will be a vastly stronger company with a robust balance sheet that can make the investments required to increase gold output and grade, and establish our own processing facilities at our Laverton operations to deliver a significant increase in operating margins," said Mr Taig.

Focus has four producing gold mines located at Coolgardie and Laverton in the eastern goldfields region of Western Australia and has 1,650 square kilometres of tenement holdings and an existing mineral resource of 4.3 million ounces¹ of gold. Only 4% of Focus' landholding has so far been explored.

Focus received an overwhelming response to the vote at its AGM today, with over 40% of shares having been voted on the resolutions. 82.4% of the votes were in favour of, or usable for, the approval of the Placement, representing 82.3% of individual holders voting.

Voting by Proxy was as follows:

Res.		FOR	AGAINST	OPEN AND USABLE	ABSTAIN	% VOTES IN FAVOUR
1	Issue of shares to Shandong Gold	1,369,253,984	306,090,481	66,260,135	27,697,247	82.42%
2	Re-elect Gerry Fahey as a director	1,475,806,217	144,838,963	69,240,760	79,415,907	91.43%
3	Re-elect Bruce McComish as a director	1,466,383,475	154,670,039	69,340,760	78,877,573	90.85%
4	Adoption of the Remuneration Report	1,369,834,080	209,301,527	70,558,506	95,566,843	87.3%

The four resolutions put to shareholders were all passed on a show of hands.

Under the terms of the Placement, Shandong Gold, a subsidiary of one of China's three largest gold producers by production, will acquire 51% of Focus (on a fully diluted basis) by contributing \$225 million to subscribe for approximately 4.5 billion new fully paid ordinary Focus shares at 5 cents per share.

¹ Approximately 2 million ounces of this Mineral Resource are owned by Focus Minerals (Laverton) Limited. Focus owns 81.57% of this subsidiary company.

The expected date of Completion and issue of the Subscription Shares is December 31 following the completion of all outstanding conditions precedent.

The investment by Shandong Gold was deemed “Fair & Reasonable” in an Independent Expert report prepared by BDO Corporate Finance. The Foreign Investment Review Board also advised Shandong Gold there were no objections to the Placement in terms of the Government's foreign investment policy.

Background of Shandong Gold International Mining Corporation Limited: Shandong Gold International Mining Corporation Limited is a 65%-owned subsidiary of Shandong Gold Group Co., Ltd. The remaining 35% shares in Shandong Gold are held by Shandong State-owned Assets Investment Holdings Co., Ltd, which is 100% held by the Shandong Provincial government. Shandong Gold Group Co., Ltd is 100% owned by the Shandong Provincial government, and is a China-based company principally engaged in the exploration, mining, processing, and smelting of gold and non-ferrous metals. Shandong Gold Group Co., Ltd holds 56.4% of the shares in Shandong Gold Mining Co., Ltd, which is listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange and has a market capitalisation of approximately RMB 59.1 BN Yuan. During the year ended 31 December 2011, Shandong Gold Mining Co., Ltd produced approximately 22.24 tons (approximately 710,400oz) of gold.

Background of Focus: Focus Minerals is a leading Australian gold producer. In FY12, the Focus Group delivered a 143% increase in gold production to 176,632oz. Focus operates two significant production centres at Laverton and Coolgardie in Western Australia's Eastern Goldfields. The company is the largest landholder in the Coolgardie Gold Belt, 35km west of ‘Super Pit’ in Kalgoorlie. Gold is processed at Focus’ 1.2Mtpa processing plant, Three Mile Hill, which is adjacent to the town of Coolgardie. 250km to the northeast Focus also operates, the Laverton Gold Project which comprises a significant portfolio of large scale open pit mines, with ore being processed under an OPA at the nearby Barrick Granny Smith mill.

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Competent Person's Statement: The information in this announcement that relates to Exploration Results and Minerals Resources is based on information compiled by Dr Garry Adams who is a member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists. Dr Adams is employed by 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 this announcement of the matters based on the information compiled by him in the form and context in which it appears.

	Proven Reserves			Probable Reserves			Total Reserves		
	Tonnes '000t	Grade Au g/t	Ounces	Tonnes '000t	Grade Au g/t	Ounces	Tonnes '000t	Grade Au g/t	Ounces
COOLGARDIE GOLD PROJECT									
Tindals Project	43	4.9	7,000	1,111	2.4	86,000	1,154	2.5	93,000
Mount Project				126	4.2	17,000	126	4.2	17,000
Three Mile Hill Project				999	1.9	60,000	999	1.9	60,000
Stocks							551	0.7	13,000
Total Coolgardie	43	4.9	7,000	2,236	2.3	163,000	2,830	2.0	183,000
LAVERTON GOLD PROJECT									
Barnicoat Project				589	2.2	41,000	589	2.2	41,000
Burtville Project				1,044	1.4	46,000	1,044	1.4	46,000
Central Laverton Project				825	1.3	34,000	825	1.3	34,000
Chatterbox Project	547	2.1	37,000	167	2.6	14,000	714	2.2	51,000
Jasper Hills Project	0	0.0	0	331	2.4	26,000	331	2.4	26,000
Lancefield Project	0	0.0	0	680	4.9	108,000	680	4.9	108,000
Stocks							628	1.3	25,000
Total Laverton	547	2.1	37,000	3,636	2.3	269,000	4,811	2.1	331,000
TOTAL COMBINED RESERVES	590	4.9	44,000	5,872	2.3	432,000	7,641	2.1	514,000

Note: Some errors may result due to rounding. Ore Reserves identified above for the Laverton Gold Project are owned by Focus Minerals (Laverton) Limited. Focus owns 81.57% of this subsidiary company.