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TINDALS RESOURCE ESTIMATION COMMENCES AFTER DRILLING EXPANDS COUNTLESS ZONE

FOCUS ON TINDALS AS POTENTIAL KEY SOURCE OF HIGH-GRADE UNDERGROUND ORE AT COOLGARDIE

WA-based gold company Focus Minerals Ltd (ASX: **FML**) and its joint venture partner, Canadian-based Committee Bay Resources Ltd., today announced that resource estimation work has commenced at the historic **Tindals Mining Centre**, part of the Coolgardie Gold Project in Western Australia, following completion of a successful underground diamond drilling program which more than doubled the defined extent of the **Countess Zone** of mineralization.

The recently completed 4,500m underground diamond drilling program – which also identified a down-dip extension of the Tindals East zone (Cynanide) and additional resource opportunities at Tindals West and Empress – returned best results including **7.9m @ 4.61g/t gold, 4.5m @ 6.7g/t, 4.0m @ 4.34g/t, 6.5m @ 3.13 g/t and 2.0m @ 5.77g/t** (Countess Zone); and **4.0m @ 6.39g/t, 5.0m @ 2.47g/t, 5.5m @ 3.95g/t and 3.0m @ 5.79g/t** (Tindals West). (*See Table 2 attached for results of the recent drilling program*).

The Tindals Mining Centre, which is located in close proximity to the Three Mile Hill treatment facility at Coolgardie, is regarded by the Redemption Joint Venture (Focus and Committee Bay) as a potential key source of high-grade long-term ore feed for a re-commissioned gold operation at Coolgardie. The recently completed diamond drilling program was carried out from within the existing underground infrastructure of the Empress mine, which will also provide future production access for the Tindals area.

Historic gold production at Tindals, primarily during the 1990s from open pit and underground mining, totalled 466,000 ounces. The Tindals system is located adjacent to the Redemption Corridor which hosts the Empress Lodes which have been mined underground utilizing the Tindals infrastructure. Mining at Empress continued through until April 2005, when the Redemption Joint Venture suspended operations with production to date in excess of 60,000 ounces.

The **Countess Zone**, which is a recent discovery, currently hosts a JORC compliant Inferred Resource of 111,700 tonnes grading 4.7 g/t Au (16,879 ounces) based upon 14 historic drill holes (*see previous drilling results attached in Table 1*) which identified mineralization over an area of 100m by 75m with an average width of 5m.

Focus Minerals' Managing Director, Mr Peter Williams, said the recently completed underground diamond drilling program had more than doubled the identified zone of mineralization at Countess to over 200m by 75m, with the zone remaining open in an up-dip direction.

"The drilling was very successful in extending the Countess Zone," Mr Williams commented. "In addition, it is significant that, during the early phase of drilling at Countess, additional mineralization was intersected east of Countess in the Tindals West Zone, which is interpreted to be a continuation of the main Tindals Lodes."

"Geological interpretations and resource estimation is now in progress for the Countess, Tindals West, Tindals East and Empress Zones, all of which can be accessed from the same underground infrastructure and which represent a priority area as a potential future source of high-grade underground ore feed for the Three Mile Hill plant," he said. "We plan to conduct further drilling in these areas pending finalization of the geological models."

The mineralized trend at Tindals occurs as a series of steeply-dipping mineralized structures that transect a package of ultramafic volcanics and diorite dikes. Mineralization is hosted primarily by diorites within the structural corridors.

Recently completed drill holes ED231 and 232 tested the Countess-Tindals system up to 200m below previous drilling. These holes all intersected the target diorites, which displayed intense alteration and sulphide mineralization along with highly anomalous gold values. While these holes did not intersect economic gold values, they clearly indicate that the mineralized system persists and is verging towards the Redemption Corridor at depth, which represents a priority exploration target.

LONG-TERM DRILLING SUPPORT SECURED

In order to secure long-term underground drill availability at the Coolgardie Gold Project, the Redemption Joint Venture also announced today that it has purchased a 33% interest in Underground Drilling and Services Pty Ltd, a Kalgoorlie-based drilling contractor. As part of the purchase agreement, UDS will ensure drill availability to the Joint Venture for all underground drilling. UDS is looking to expand its drilling business, which would be of benefit to the Redemption Joint Venture as increased levels of drilling are anticipated in the near term.

COMPETENT PERSON'S STATEMENT

The information in this report relating to Resources and Reserves are based on work supervised by Mr Chuck McCormick who is a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AusIMM). Mr McCormick has the relevant experience as a "Competent Person" as defined in the 2004 edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves in relation to the mineralisation reported on. Mr McCormick is Exploration Manager of Focus Minerals Ltd and consents to the inclusion of the material in the form and content in which it appears.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION – FOCUS MINERALS LIMITED

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

Through its Redemption Joint Venture with Canadian-based Matador Exploration Inc, Focus Minerals is the largest landholder in the Coolgardie Gold Belt located in Western Australia, 560km east of Perth and 35km south of the "Super Pit" in Kalgoorlie. Over 2.6 million ounces of gold has been produced from the Coolgardie gold belt alone since 1892.

The Redemption Joint Venture has the mineral rights to more than 210km² of under-explored tenements including Indicated and Inferred Resources totaling 1.4 million ounces of gold (Indicated Resource of 5.32 million tonnes at 1.8g/t gold and Inferred Resource of 13.7 million tonnes at 2.5g/t gold) as well as the 1.2mtpa Three Mile Hill processing plant, located in one of the world's most significant gold and nickel mining regions.

Matador is sole funding A\$8 million of exploration expenditure at Coolgardie in stages over three years with a first-year minimum commitment of A\$2.7 million. The overall objective of the Joint Venture is to define sufficient reserves to enable the Three Mile Hill Plant to operate at full capacity with 5 years of scheduled ore treatment, providing cash flow to further explore the surrounding highly prospective gold.

The Redemption Joint Venture has also commenced a feasibility study on the proposed early re-commencement of gold production at Coolgardie in Western Australia through initial treatment of existing low-grade stockpiles. The feasibility study will be carried out in parallel with the ongoing intensive gold exploration and Scoping Studies being conducted on the major gold deposits within the consolidated 210km² tenement holding controlled by the Redemption Joint Venture (Focus and Committee Bay). The Joint Venture has total gold resources at Coolgardie of 1.4 million ounces.

Table 1: Historic Drill Results - Countess Zone

Hole Number	From (m)	To (m)	Interval (m)	Grade (Au g/t)	Lode
ED196	133.33	144.10	10.77	5.60	Countess
<i>includes</i>			3.70	8.20	Countess
<i>and</i>			4.50	8.70	Countess
ED197	131.11	145.98	14.87	4.66	Countess
<i>includes</i>			7.21	6.96	Countess
<i>and</i>			4.76	3.97	Countess
	259.61	275.00	15.39	2.30	Tindals
ED220	133.26	141.00	7.74	4.85	Countess
ED221	127.39	134.81	7.42	8.99	Countess west
	147.74	150.2	2.45	10.45	Countess east
ED222	128.65	143.49	14.84	3.53	Countess
<i>includes</i>	133.87	136.00	2.13	6.49	Countess
ED224	119.55	132.58	13.03	2.94	Countess west
<i>includes</i>			8.05	4.63	Countess west
	136.45	148.92	12.47	2.91	Countess east
<i>includes</i>			7.10	4.13	Countess east
ED225	126.20	139.50	13.30	2.32	Countess west
<i>includes</i>			6.50	4.54	Countess west
ED226	127.35	148.55	21.20	2.17	Countess west
<i>includes</i>			8.25	4.48	Countess west
	180.5	185.55	5.05	1.51	Countess east
ED227	143.8	151.37	7.57	9.77	Countess west
<i>includes</i>			6.47	11.38	Countess west
	171.93	195.06	23.13	0.49	Countess east
	210.50	230.20	19.70	3.25	Tindals W
<i>includes</i>			7.63	9.87	Tindals W
ED228	111.78	124.70	12.92	3.81	Countess west
<i>includes</i>			6.00	6.45	Countess west
	162.40	172.78	10.38	0.61	Countess east
ED229	122.51	139.68	17.17	1.63	Countess west
	140.40	145.88	5.48	3.01	Countess east

Table 2: Results of Redemption Joint Venture Countess Underground Core Drilling

Hole ID	From (m)	To (m)	Length (m)	Grade Au g/t	Lode
ED230	142.0	147.0	5.0	1.70	Countess
ED233	129.6	130.6	1.0	1.25	Countess
	182.0	183.2	1.2	5.44	Tindals W
ED234	123.0	135.0	12	1.85	Countess
including	129.0	131.0	2	4.28	Countess
	191.6	197.6	6	3.76	Tindals W
including	195.0	197.0	2	5.13	Tindals W
ED239	115.0	118.0	3.0	1.92	Countess

	123.0	124.7	1.7	2.04	Countess
	171.0	176.0	5.0	2.47	Tindals W
	182.8	186.8	4.0	6.39	Tindals W
ED240	113.0	119.5	6.5	3.13	Countess
including	116.0	118.0	2.0	5.17	Countess
	171.0	172.0	1.0	3.22	Tindals W
	214.0	222.5	8.5	2.54	Tindals W
ED241	127.0	132	5.0	3.30	Countess
including	129.0	132.0	3.0	4.01	Countess
	209.0	210	1.0	7.96	Tindals W
ED242	127.1	135.0	7.9	4.61	Countess
including	127.5	132.0	4.5	6.70	Countess
	208.5	214.0	5.5	3.95	Tindals W
including	209.0	212.0	3.0	5.79	Tindals W
ED243	122.0	126.0	4.0	4.34	Countess
	176.0	178.0	2.0	4.84	Tindals W
	182.0	192.0	10.0	1.15	Tindals W
	196.0	197.0	1.0	5.96	Tindals W
ED244	129.0	131.0	2.0	5.77	Countess