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## **News Release**

### **OLYMPUS CLOSES EQUITY PLACEMENT**

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**Toronto, March 29, 2011 - Olympus Pacific Minerals Inc.** (“Olympus” or the “Company”) (TSX: OYM, ASX: OYM, OTCBB: OLYMF, and Frankfurt: OP6) Olympus CEO, David Seton announces the Paterson Securities Equity Placement is now closed.

In order to move forward with the brokered private placement of Convertible Notes for a minimum of CAD\$ 12 million with an option (subject to the Company’s acceptance) to sell an additional CAD\$ 8 million, thereby achieving the Company’s funding target of a minimum of AUD\$ 16.8 Million, Olympus has placed 14 million shares at AUD\$ 0.40 to raise AUD\$ 5.6 million with clients of Placement Lead Manager Patersons Securities Limited. Settlement of the Placement is due in the next few days. The Company will complete its capital raising by way of a more favorable convertible note offering (*See Olympus Press Release dated March 22 & 25, 2011*).

The Company believes raising capital through a convertible note is less dilutive and more favorable to shareholders than the earlier announced AUD\$ 16.80 million equity raise (*See Olympus Press Release dated March 25, 2011*)

The capital raising will enable the Company to complete the building of its Phuoc Son gold plant, which due to unseasonably long and heavy rains has been delayed. This delay has had a consequent affect on internally generated cash flow previously allocated for significant self-funding of the project. Commissioning is now taking place and production from the plant is anticipated to commence in May.

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