



OLYMPUS NEW AGREEMENT INCREASES STAKE IN THE BAU GOLD FIELD PROJECT TO 80.53 PERCENT AND ENHANCES CASH FLOW

Toronto, May 24, 2011 - Olympus Pacific Minerals Inc. ("Olympus" or the "Company") (TSX: OYM, ASX: OYM, OTCBB: OLYMF, and Frankfurt: OP6). David Seton, Chairman, and Chief Executive Officer is pleased to announce the Company has increased its ownership of North Borneo Gold Sdn Bhd by 5.48% to 80.53% and has reached an agreement to extend the final payments and timing of tranches three and four under the original agreement (*See Olympus Press Release dated October 9, 2010*). There is no increase in the overall amount payable by Olympus.

The Company has decided to take advantage of its strong cash position to increase its Bau equity earlier than expected from 75.05 to 80.53 percent following the completion of recent financings for gross proceeds of USD\$36.4m. In addition, the remaining payments of the agreement have been extended over a two year period significantly improving the Company's cash flow during this period.

REVISED PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The revised payment schedule under a variation agreement entered into on May 23, 2011, provides for the payment of the remaining USD20m due under tranches three and four to acquire a further 18.5% interest in the operating Joint Venture Company, North Borneo Gold Sdn Bhd ("NBG"), over a two-year period, are as follows:

Tranche One – USD\$7.5m paid September 2010 taking the Company's ownership to 62.55%

Tranche Two – USD\$7.5m paid November 2010 taking the Company's ownership to 75.05%

Tranche Three – US\$11 million (originally due 15 November 2011)

i) US\$6m, which was completed on 24 May 2011 taking the Company's ownership to 80.53%

ii) US\$3m to be paid by 21 Jan 2012 taking the Company's ownership to 83.25%

iii) US\$2M to be paid by 21 April 2012 taking the Company's ownership to 85.05%.

Tranche Four – US\$9 million (originally due 15 November 2012)

i) US\$3m to be paid by 15 December 2012 taking the Company's ownership to 87.85%.

ii) US\$6m to be paid by 15 July 2013 taking the Company's ownership to 93.55%.

OWNERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Competitive acquisition price for additional ownership of Bau

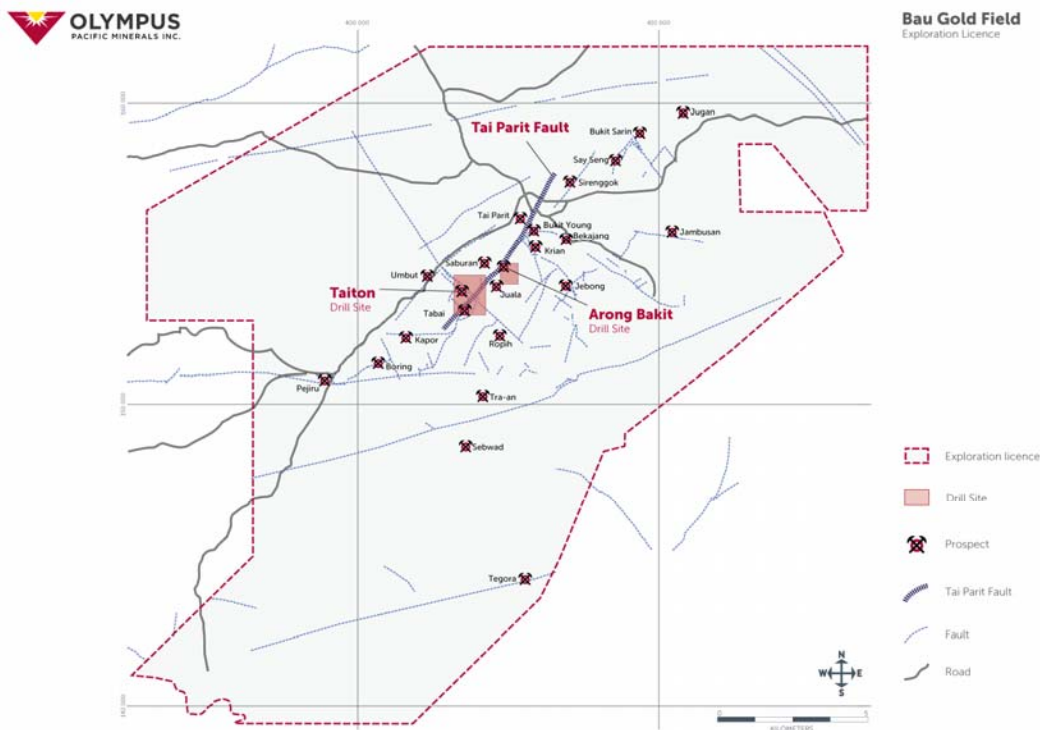
- East Malaysia has zero royalty rate on gold
- Low taxation entitlement for the first five years of production (approximately 5%)
- Exploration upside; targeting 10 large conductivity anomalies in the next 12 months

BACKGROUND

The Bau Gold Project (800 sq. km) was acquired by Olympus in late 2009 (*see Olympus press release dated November 10, 2009*).

The Bau Gold Project has been independently assessed as having NI 43-101 gold resources of: 0.56M oz indicated (10,963 tonnes @ 1.60g/t Au) and 1.89M oz inferred (35,808,000 tonnes @ 1.64g/t Au). (*See Olympus Press Release dated June 23, 2010*). This resource includes several different mineralization styles, in multiple deposits that have to date been drilled only to shallow depth and remain open to further expansion through continuing exploration.

Recent reprocessing of airborne DIGHEM geophysical data within a central area of the goldfield has shown several exceptionally strong conductivity anomalies at depth. These are interpreted as the expression of large, mineralized quartz vein systems extending down to more than 700m below surface. These are compelling drill targets that will be further explored during this year's 20,000 meter drill program.



After completion of mine scoping studies, an additional drilling program will begin to upgrade the bulk of the existing resource to Measured and Indicated categories and to test deeper and lateral extensions of mineralization. (*See Olympus Press Releases on Bau drill results dated February 11, 2011 & May 19, 2011*).

During coming months, Taiton sector step-out and in-fill drilling will delineate the gross mineralization geometry and gold grade distribution within the main Taiton structures to depths of 200-300m. It is expected that by 4Q 2011, drilling will be adequately advanced to allow estimation of expanded resources for input into definitive mining feasibility studies during 2012.

Whilst Taiton sector is the current focus of resource upgrade drilling, five other sectors also contain JORC/NI43-101 resources, subsequently these will be upgraded and expanded.

Exploration drilling will simultaneously probe a prioritized list of high-quality exploration targets; each of which has the potential to deliver a quantum leap in resources.

Olympus is positioned to expand gold production in Southeast Asia from its core properties and has established a production time line that increases the Company's annualized production to 70,000 ounces gold by 2012. The diversified gold production Company is generating operating cash and expects to further expand its Reserve and Resource Estimates in East Malaysia and Vietnam through continued exploration in 2011.

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