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NEWS RELEASE

OLYMPUS EXCEEDS ITS 2011 GOLD PRODUCTION TARGET

Toronto, January 10, 2012 - Olympus Pacific Minerals Inc.

Chief Executive Officer, John Seton, is pleased to announce production results from its Phuoc Son and Bong Mieu Gold Plants for the period ended December 31, 2011 set out below. The Company's 2011 annual production forecast of 40,000 ounces has been exceeded despite the commissioning of the Phuoc Son Gold Plant having been delayed several months resulting from record-breaking monsoon rain.

Consolidated Production in Ounces

	Q4/11	Q3/11	Q2/11	Q1/11	2011	2010
Milled (t)	76,648	74,974	49,497	37,163	236,282	138,779
Gold (g/t Au)	9.17	6.22	5.32	4.33	6.67	9.35
Recoveries %	91	87	82	75	87	80
Gold Produced	19,849	12,996	6,155	3,868	42,868	33,234
Gold Poured	18,994	12,482	5,717	3,868	41,061	29,186

Summary

Consolidated production for the year ended December 31, 2011 represents the fifth consecutive year the Company has expanded production with a 29% increase compared to 2010. Also fourth quarter production, on an annualized basis exceeds our 2012 production target range of 60,000 to 70,000 ounces.

Olympus' first quarter 2012 gold production will likely be lower compared to the previous quarter resulting from scheduled general plant maintenance and the Vietnamese Lunar New Year Holiday (Tet) beginning January 23, 2012 and traditionally lasting two weeks. Expected lower first quarter production will not adversely affect the Company's 2012 production forecast. The Phuoc Son mill now regularly operates at its current design capacity of 500 tonnes per day. The Company continues to mine the Bai Dat deposit while developing the Bai Go deposit that is expected to be on first ore by May 2012 and on planned capacity by August 2012.

About Olympus

Olympus is a diversified gold company focused on four advanced properties; the Bau Goldfield in East Malaysia, the Bong Mieu and Phuoc Son mines in Central Vietnam, and Capcapo in the Philippines.

The Company expects to substantially expand its combined gold production capacity by 2014. East Malaysia is the primary focus, and Phase One of Bau Central is now in full feasibility phase (*See Olympus press release dated September 8, 2011*). Vietnam's production and development activities will provide cash to assist in funding a portion of our future development expenditures. Olympus also expects an increase of its attributed gold resources through continued exploration on the advanced properties having demonstrably large upside potential.

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