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MADALENA ANNOUNCES CHANGE OF DIRECTOR

Madalena announces that effective January 15th, 2009, Jeff Lawson has resigned from the Board of Directors of Madalena Ventures Inc. Jeff will be pursuing new ventures and is restricted from serving on the Board of Directors of publicly traded companies. On behalf of Madalena, the Management and Board of Directors would like to express their gratitude to Jeff for his significant contributions during his term as a Director of the Corporation.

Madalena is a publicly traded international junior Canadian oil and gas exploration company trading on the Toronto Venture Stock Exchange under the symbol "MVN". The Company has assets in Canada, Tunisia and Argentina and is actively evaluating international oil and gas opportunities with a primary focus on South America and North Africa.

MADALENA VENTURES INC.

On behalf of the Board

"Ken Broadhurst"

Ken Broadhurst, President

Forward Looking Statements

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