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MADALENA OPERATIONS UPDATE

Madalena Ventures Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiary Madalena Austral SA ("Madalena" or the "Company"), is pleased to provide an update on its operations in Argentina.

On the Coiron Amargo Block, initial production testing of the CAN-7 development well following a fracture stimulation treatment of the Sierra Blancas formation resulted in an average flow rate of 1,340 boepd (including 940 bopd) over 2.2 days with a 20% water cut. The well was tested on a 1/2 and 5/16 inch choke with a final wellhead flowing pressure of 1,100 psi and 1,230 psi, respectively. Prior to the fracture treatment the well tested an average of 370 boepd (including 207 bopd) over a 2.2 day period on a 5/16 inch choke.

On the Curamhuele Block, completion operations continue in order to prepare the Cur X-1 well for a three stage fracture stimulation of the Lower Agrio shale formation. The hydraulic fracture treatment is anticipated to commence in late July 2012.

About Madalena

Madalena is an independent, Canadian-based, international upstream oil and gas company whose main business activities include exploration, development and production of crude oil, natural gas liquids and natural gas. The Company currently has production and exploration operations in Argentina and is focused on international oil and gas opportunities in South America. Madalena is publicly traded on the TSXV under the symbol "MVN".

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Any references in this news release to test rates, flow rates, initial and/or final raw test or production rates, early production and/or "flush" production rates are useful in confirming the presence of hydrocarbons, however, such rates are not necessarily indicative of long-term performance or of ultimate recovery. Such rates may also include recovered "load" fluids used in well completion stimulation. Readers are cautioned not to place reliance on such rates in calculating the aggregate production for the Company. In addition, the Vaca Muerta shale is an unconventional resource play which may be subject to high initial decline rates.

All calculations converting natural gas to barrels of oil equivalent ("boe") have been made using a conversion ratio of six thousand cubic feet (six "Mcf") of natural gas to one barrel of oil, unless otherwise stated. The use of boe may be misleading, particularly if used in isolation, as the conversion ratio of six Mcf of natural gas to one barrel of oil is based on an energy equivalency conversion method primarily applicable at the burner tip and does not represent a value equivalency at the wellhead. Given that the value ratio based on the current price of crude oil as compared to natural gas is significantly different from the energy equivalency of 6:1, utilizing a conversion on a 6:1 basis may be misleading as an indication of value.

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