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**MADALENA VENTURES INC. PROVIDES UPDATE ON DRILLING OPERATIONS  
ON CORTADERA BLOCK IN NEUQUEN BASIN OF ARGENTINA**

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

The CorS X-1 exploration well was drilled with joint venture partner and operator Apache Energia Argentina S.R.L., (Apache), to a total depth ("TD") of 14,760 feet. Casing to total depth will be run. A full suite of electrical logs were run tailored to investigate conventional and unconventional formations including shale in conjunction with select full diameter cores and side wall cores. Initial results are:

- The **Vaca Muerta** shale formation was found to be **708 meters (2,323 feet)** in gross thickness. Full diameter vertical cores and rotary side wall cores were obtained in the Vaca Muerta section.
- In addition to the prospective shale formation thickness encountered in the Vaca Muerta formation, the CorS X-1 well also encountered gross thickness of **617 meters (2,024 feet)** in the **Quintuco** formation overlying the Vaca Muerta. Rotary side wall cores were obtained from the Quintuco formation.
- In addition to the Vaca Muerta and Quintuco formations, the well also encountered a gross thickness of **206 meters (676 feet)** in the **Mulichinco** formation where rotary side wall cores were taken in areas of elevated hydrocarbon shows.
- Additional rotary sidewall cores were obtained for analysis in the **Agrio** formation overlying the Mulichinco.

Laboratory analysis will be carried out on the drilling cuttings, side wall cores and full diameter vertical cores and integrated with the existing electrical and mud logging information in order to design a testing and well stimulation program for the well. Testing and stimulation operations are anticipated to commence in October, 2011. Madalena has a 40% working interest in the Cortadera Block which covers 123,500 acres.

Commenting on the drill results of the CorS X-1 well, Mr. Dwayne Warkentin, President and CEO stated: "We are very pleased with the operations carried out by Apache Argentina on this, our deepest well yet drilled. It is exciting to be involved in one of the initial modern era wells drilled in the western portion of the Neuquén Basin, specifically designed to test the prospective Vaca Muerta shale. Information gathered from the drilling and testing of this well will also assist us in our plans for the exploration and potential development of the Vaca Muerta formation in our Curamhuele Block situated 30 kilometers north and on trend with Cortadera where we own and operate a 90% working interest. We look forward to the full testing and evaluation of the CorS X-1 well which we anticipate will commence next month."

## **About Madalena**

Madalena is a publicly traded international junior Canadian oil and gas exploration company trading on the TSXV under the symbol "MVN".

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