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MADALENA PROVIDES UPDATE ON TUNISIA

Madalena Ventures Inc. ("Madalena" or the "Corporation") on behalf of its wholly owned subsidiary, Madalena Ventures International Inc., is pleased to provide an update on the Corporation's properties in Tunisia.

On the onshore Remada Prospect, Madalena is pleased to announce that Storm Ventures International Inc., the operator of the Remada Prospect, has received approval to conduct a long term production test on the TT2 well. The TT2 well was drilled on a large Ordovician structure which was the primary formation of interest and which has a significant areal extent of approximately 70 square kilometers. The discovery of light oil in this large structure at relatively shallow depths on the eastern side of the 1.2 million acre block confirms the presence of a mature source rock and effective hydrocarbon migration route increasing the chance of success for several other prospects identified on the block. Operations are currently underway to complete and equip the TT2 well for the long term production test.

Madalena also announces that the Corporation has elected to terminate its option to drill an earning well on the offshore Hammamet Prospect.

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

"Gregory J. Ford"

Gregory J Ford,

Vice President Finance and Chief Financial Officer

Forward Looking Statements

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References in this news release to initial test production rates and/or "flush" production rates are useful in confirming the presence of hydrocarbons, however, such rates are not determinative of the rates at which such wells will commence production and decline thereafter. While encouraging, readers are cautioned not to place reliance on such rates in calculating the aggregate production for the Corporation.

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