

NEWS RELEASE

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**MADALENA ANNOUNCES GRANT OF OPTIONS
AND APPROVAL OF SHAREHOLDER RIGHTS PLAN**

The Board of Directors of Madalena Ventures Inc. ("Madalena" or the "Corporation") announces as part of its compensation process, the grant of stock options ("Options") to certain officers, employees and consultants of the Corporation. Of the 3,470,000 Options granted, a total of 850,000 Options were granted to the executive officers of the Corporation and 1,990,000 were granted to directors of the Corporation. Each Option has an exercise price of \$0.42 per share and is exercisable for a period of five years from the date of grant.

The Corporation also announces that the rolling stock option plan and shareholder rights plan ("Rights Plan") was approved by the shareholders at the Annual and Special Meeting of shareholders held on June 14, 2012.

The Corporation's stock option plan currently reserves up to 31,430,719 Common Shares for issuance pursuant to Stock Options, which is equal to 10% of the number of issued and outstanding Common Shares. Options to purchase 16,323,699 Common Shares are now outstanding, which is equal to approximately 5.2% of the number of issued and outstanding Common Shares.

The Rights Plan is designed to provide shareholders and the Board with adequate time to consider and evaluate any unsolicited bid made for the Corporation, to provide the Board with adequate time to identify, develop and negotiate value-enhancing alternatives, if considered appropriate, to any such unsolicited bid, to encourage the fair treatment of shareholders in connection with any take-over bid for the Corporation, and to ensure that any proposed transaction is in the best interests of the shareholders of the Corporation.

The Rights Plan was not proposed in response to, or in anticipation of, any pending, threatened or proposed acquisition or take-over bid. The Board did not adopt the Rights Plan to prevent a take-over of the Corporation, to secure the continuance of management, the directors of the Board in their respective offices or to defer offers for the shares of the Corporation. The issuance of the rights does not change the manner in which shareholders trade their shares.

The Rights Plan is similar to other rights plans adopted by many Canadian corporations. The Rights Plan is not triggered if an offer to acquire Corporation shares is made as a "permitted bid" and thereby allows sufficient time for the Board and shareholders to consider and react to the offer. The plan is available for viewing at www.SEDAR.com.

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".

MADALENA VENTURES INC.

On behalf of the Board

"Dwayne Warkentin"

Dwayne Warkentin,

President and Chief Executive Officer

Forward Looking Statements

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