



**MADALENA COMMENTS ON ARGENTINE OIL PRICING**

Madalena Energy Inc. ("**Madalena**" or the "**Company**") (TSXV: **MVN** and OTCQX: **MDLNF**) provides the following comments on recent proposed changes to regulated Argentina oil prices and preliminary information on its 2016 Capital Budget.

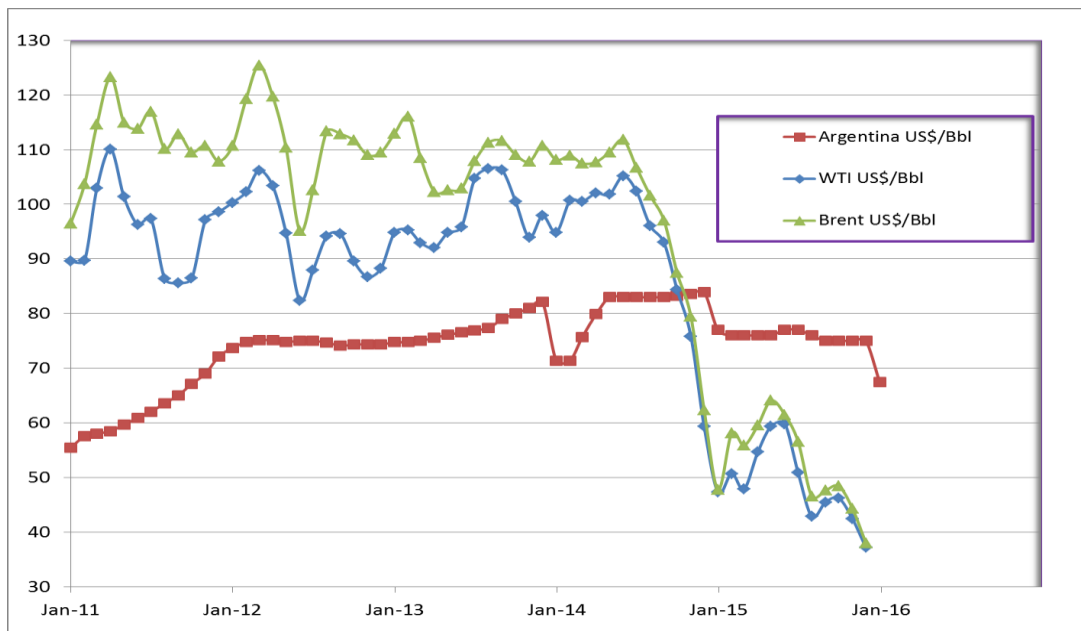
**PREMIUM PRICING RETAINED IN REGULATED ARGENTINA OIL MARKET**

On November 23, 2015, the Argentine Republic elected a new centre-right government. Consistent with its campaign platform, currency controls were relaxed in December 2015 and the Argentine Peso ("**AR\$**") underwent a devaluation to reflect its purchasing power in the global economy. As outlined in Madalena's news release on December 17, 2015, a large percentage of the Company's costs are denominated in AR\$. As a result, the Company's cost to produce a barrel of oil in Argentina is expected to decrease in United States dollar ("**US\$**") equivalent terms.

In discussions with Madalena and other Argentina producers, the regulators in Argentina have advised that 2016 oil pricing is expected to be set at approximately US \$67.50 per barrel for Medanito crude quality oil, which maintains a premium to Brent and WTI pricing. Although the regulators have indicated the US\$ 67.50 will be the posted price for the year there can be no certainty that the oil price will not be further adjusted within the year. For reference, the US\$ 67.50 price equals AR\$ 911 per barrel at the current 13.5:1 AR\$ to US\$ foreign exchange rate, compared to the early December 2015 posted price of approximately US\$ 75.00 per barrel or AR\$ 735 per barrel at the previous 9.8:1 foreign exchange rate.

The Company believes the newly elected federal government is implementing its stated policy of providing a fiscal and regulatory environment that supports development of Argentina's domestic energy resources.

For reference, the following graph illustrates the five year historical price of WTI, Brent and Medanito.



Notes: Brent and WTI prices based on average monthly spot prices as per U.S. Energy Information Administration ("EIA").  
 The Brent and WTI prices for the month of December 2015 are based on the average of the daily quotes from EIA.  
 Argentina oil price is the Medanito reference price for light oil in the Neuquén basin based on the Company's historical records.

## **MADALENA 2016 CAPITAL BUDGET**

With further clarity in Argentina on both the devaluation of the AR\$ and the oil pricing environment, the Company will move to finalize its 2016 budget in the coming weeks. This budget will be based on the Company's expectations for US\$ 67.50 Medianito oil pricing throughout 2016 and will include all expenditures associated with Madalena's commitments in Argentina. Given the current commodity price environment in Canada, Madalena plans to continue to defer all discretionary capital expenditures on its non-core Canadian assets.

With approximately 95% of Madalena's oil production priced relative to Argentina's premium regulated oil market and a high quality asset base in Argentina, Madalena continues to be well positioned to prudently move forward in the current commodity price cycle.

Madalena's management and board of directors will continue to monitor the Argentina political, market and commodity price environment, with a view to protecting the Company's financial position in the context of its contractual and regulatory obligations.

### **About Madalena Energy**

Madalena is an independent, Canadian-based Argentina focused, upstream oil and gas company.

Madalena holds approximately 950,000 net acres in four provinces of Argentina where it is focused on the delineation of large shale and unconventional resources in the Vaca Muerta shale, Lower Agrio shale, Loma Montosa oil play and the Mulichinco liquids-rich gas play. The Company is implementing horizontal drilling and completions technology to develop both its conventional and resource plays.

Madalena trades on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol MVN and on the OTCQX under the symbol MDLNF.

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