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**MADALENA VENTURES INC. EXTENDS CLOSING DATE OF PRIVATE PLACEMENT
FINANCING OF UP TO \$22,000,000**

October 17, 2006. Madalena Ventures Inc. ("Madalena" or the "Company") (CNQ: MAVI) announces that the closing date to its previously announced private placement financing of up to \$22,000,000, with Canaccord Capital Corporation (the "Agent") acting as agent, has been extended until on or about October 24, 2006 by mutual agreement between the Company and the Agent.

Madalena is a Calgary-based company focused on both domestic and international oil and gas exploration and development. Madalena has entered into formal agreements to earn interests in two Exploration Blocks in Tunisia and is evaluating additional high impact exploration opportunities in South America. Madalena owns producing oil and gas properties in Alberta with extensive development drilling projected for 2007.

The common shares and warrants comprising the units offered under the private placement have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from the registration requirement. This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of the securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful.

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Forward Looking Statements

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