

PetroMagdalena announces shares for debt issuance

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TORONTO, May 14, 2012 /CNW/ - [PetroMagdalena Energy Corp.](#) (TSXV: PMD) announced today that it has entered into an agreement to issue shares to settle certain debt owed to [Pacific Rubiales Energy Corp.](#) in connection with the exploration programs at the Topoyaco, Arrendajo and Las Quinchas blocks.

Luciano Biondi, Chief Executive Officer of the Company stated: "This debt settlement transaction preserves our working capital and cash balance, and improves our capital structure. Existing cash balances are being used for our ongoing exploration and development program and represent an effective use of cash for shareholders, to support the growth potential of our core oil assets."

The Company owes Pacific Rubiales U.S.\$5,281,455.07 in connection with cash calls due in respect of the Topoyaco, Arrendajo and Las Quinchas blocks.

The shares for debt agreement was negotiated at arms-length between the two parties and concluded on May 10, 2012. The parties agreed to use the 30-day volume weighted average price (VWAP) for the 30 days prior to May 10, 2012. As a result, the shares for debt transaction would be completed using a deemed share price of CA\$1.29 per share. As such, the Company will be issuing 4,097,839 common shares in settlement of the above-noted debt. The issuance of these common shares is subject to approval from the TSXV.

[PetroMagdalena](#) is a Canadian-based oil and gas exploration and production company, with working interests in 19 properties in five basins in Colombia. Further information can be obtained by visiting our website at www.petromagdalena.com

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Statements concerning oil and gas reserve estimates may also be deemed to constitute forward-looking statements to the extent they involve estimates of the oil and gas that will be encountered if the property is developed. Boe may be misleading, particularly if used in isolation. A boe conversion ratio of 6 mcf:1 bbl is

based on an energy equivalency conversion method primarily applicable at the burner tip and does not represent a value equivalency at the wellhead. Estimated values of future net revenue disclosed do not represent fair market value.

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