

# PetroMagdalena announces appointment of Lead Independent Director

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TORONTO, May 25, 2012 /CNW/ - [PetroMagdalena Energy Corp.](#) (TSXV: PMD) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Robert Metcalfe as the Lead Independent Director of the Company's board of directors, effective immediately.

Mr. Metcalfe has been an independent director of the Board since the completion of the Company's going public transaction in July 2009. Mr. Metcalfe has been an active member of the Board and chaired the Executive Committee of the Board which deliberated and successfully addressed certain challenges faced by the Corporation last year.

"PetroMagdalena is delighted to introduce an additional level of independence to the Board and specifically, with the appointment of Mr. Metcalfe as lead independent director who is sure to be a diligent monitor," said the Company's Chief Executive Officer, Luciano Biondi.

[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](http://www.petromagdalena.com).

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