

# Madalena Energy Inc. (MVN-V, \$0.34)

Rating	
Target Price	
Return	

Buy \$0.60 76% Darrell Bishop, PEng, MBA | 403-509-1938 | dbishop@haywood.com Christopher Jones | 403-509-1953 | cjones@haywood.com

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## Positive Initial Test Rates on Two High Impact Hz Wells in Argentina

<b>Overall Risk Rating</b>	High
Forecast Risk	(High) 8
Financial Risk	(Moderate) 6
Valuation Risk	(High) 7
Political Risk	(High) 9
Risk Profile Definitions: See p	age 10

52-Week High/Low	\$0.77/\$0.20
YTD Performance	13.6%
Dividend Yield	0%
Shares O/S	540M (basic)/
	565M (F/D)
Market Capitalization	\$184M
Net Debt (YE14e)	-8.4M
Enterprise Value	\$175M
Daily Volume (30 day)	1,090,000
Currency	C\$ unless noted

#### **Company Profile**

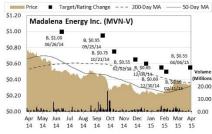
Website - www.madalenaenergy.com

CEO – Kevin Shaw Madalena Energy is a Calgary based oil & gas company with operations focused in Argentina and West Central Alberta.

#### Estimates

	<u>2014A</u>	2015E	<u>2016E</u>
Production (boe/d)	3,002	4,500	4,800
% Gas	29%	24%	23%
CAPEX (\$mm)	\$40.8	\$40.0	\$40.0
Cash Flow (\$mm)	\$23.7	\$18.0	\$31.7
CFPS (fd)	\$0.04	\$0.03	\$0.06
P/CF	12.4x	10.7x	6.1x
EV/DACF	6.9x	10.3x	5.9x
EV/BOE/D	\$54,606	\$41,233	\$38,653

#### **Price Performance**



Source: Capital IQ and Haywood Securities

**Event** | MVN provided an ops update focused on two recently completed high impact oil wells in Argentina.

Valuation | MVN trades at 10.3x our 2015 EV/DACF and \$41,200 boe/d vs. consensus estimates for a basket of oil-focused domestic and Intl peers at 3.8x and \$33,200 boe/d. Impact Positive |

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hz Loma Montosa well (100% WI) tests an impressive 860 boe/d (55% oil). The PMS-1135 Hz well on the Puesto Morales block (100% WI) test over the last 24 hours 860 boe/d (480 bbls/d oil, 2.3 mmcf/d) and a 47% water cut. The well was completed with Argentina's first 12 stage ball drop open hole frac operation (hybrid slickwater/gel fluid base) and pumped 30 tonnes per stage. MVN will proceed to tie-in this well into existing infrastructure, where we expect on onstream production rates to be closer to the 400 boe/d range.
- We believe this to be a very encouraging initial result. While it is early days in terms of the Loma Mantosa potential at the Puesto Morales block after just 5 days on production, the 860 boe/d proof of concept test rate should grab some attention. We believe costs to be in the \$5-\$6 MM range per well which we expect would come down under a development scenario, and considering that the play appears scalable (100+ follow up locations) and it is shallow at ~1,500m depth (plus ~1,100m lateral). Recall that the Puesto Morales block was acquired as part of MVN's acquisition of GTE's Argentina assets last year.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sierras Blancas light oil well at Coiron Amargo (35% WI) looks solid. The CAN-16h well was tied into production facilities on March 27<sup>th</sup> at a gross rate of 600 boe/d (80% oil) and 210 boe/d net. After 20 days on production the well continues to produce at a rate of 590 boe/d (206 boe/d net) with a 15% water cut. While the test is less than MVN's 3<sup>rd</sup> Sierras Blancas Hz, CAN-18h that was initially placed on production in Q4/14 at 910 boe/d (83% oil), we believe this is a solid well. MVN plans to drill 2-3 more Sierras Blancas Hz wells in 2015.
- Forecasts We have maintained our forecasts at this time.
- Maintain our Buy Rating; Increased Target to \$0.60 (from \$.55). While the Puesto Morales block is not "shale" and is outside of the core Vaca Muerta hotspot being chased by industry, based on the early success shown it could hold the potential to develop into a scalable oil play that could provide cash flow for reinvestment into further delineating MVN's shale resources. We continue to view MVN as the best way to play Argentina as the company is the only junior with acreage in the sweet spot of the oil window of one of the world's hottest unconventional shale plays and the only shale play outside of North America that is moving to development. With solid financial positioning and premium pricing in Argentina we see MVN as having the ability to advance delineation activity of several resource plays in Argentina in 2015.

**Risks** As with all small cap stocks, we rate Madalena's risk as Very-high.

**Catalysts** | 1) Vaca Muerta delineation well tests at Coiron Amargo (Q1/15), 2) Potential sale/JV.



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### Madalena Energy (MVN-V)

#### Madalena Energy Inc.

STOCK DATA				
52-week High-Low (C\$)			\$0	.77 - \$0.20
Shares Outstanding (MM)				539.8
Net Debt Q1/15e (MM)				-8.4
Market Cap. (MM)				184
Enterprise Value (MM)				175
PRODUCTION	2013a	2014e	2015e	2016e
Oil & NGL's (bbls/d)	529	2,142	3,414	3,694
Nat. Gas (mmcf/d)	3.3	5.2	6.5	6.6
Boe/d (6:1)	1,087	3,002	4,500	4,800
% Nat. Gas	51%	29%	24%	23%
Pricing	2013a	2014e	2015e	2016e
Crude Oil WTI (US\$/bbl)	\$97.80	\$93.31	\$52.00	\$65.00
Edmonton Light (C\$/bbl)	\$99.28	\$93.96	\$57.00	\$71.50
Nat. Gas NYMEX (US\$/mcf)	\$3.72	\$4.26	\$2.72	\$3.25
AECO (C\$/mcf)	\$3.16	\$4.49	\$2.60	\$3.27
Realized Oil & NGL's (\$/bbl)	\$72.88	\$78.78	\$51.58	\$64.14
Realized Nat. Gas (\$/mcf)	\$3.12	\$4.42	\$2.79	\$2.66
Realized Wellhead (\$/boe)	\$39.30	\$60.41	\$49.46	\$55.66
Netbacks (\$/boe)	2013a	2014e	2015e	2016e
Revenue	\$39.30	\$60.41	\$49.46	\$55.66
Hedging	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Royalties	\$5.99	\$9.08	\$6.74	\$7.59
Operating & Trans. Costs	\$24.05	\$25.83	\$28.00	\$28.00
Field Netback	\$9.27	\$25.50	\$14.71	\$20.07
Cash Netback	nm	\$23.41	\$10.95	\$17.91
Financials	2013a	2014e	2015e	2016e
Cash Flow (MM) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$2	\$24	\$18	\$32
CFPS - diluted	\$0.01	\$0.04	\$0.03	\$0.06
E&D Capex (MM)	\$43	\$41	\$40	\$40
Capex (MM)	\$43	, \$41	\$40	\$40
Net Debt (MM)	-\$8.0	-\$14.8	\$7.2	\$15.5
Valuation		2014a	2015e	2016e
P/CF		12.4x	10.7x	6.1x
EV/DACF		6.9x	10.7x	5.9x
Net Debt / CF		0.9x 1.7x	0.4x	0.5x
EV/BOE/D		\$54,606	\$41,233	\$38,653
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Rating		rget Price		\$0.6
Current Price	\$0.34 Re	turn to Targ	et	765
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Reserves (mboe)	2012A	2013A	2014A	% Liquio
Engineer: McDaniel, GLJ				
Proved	2,367	2,689	6,491	78
Probable	1,462	1,959	5,002	
Total 2P	3,830	4,647	11,494	72
PUD/Proved	27%	29%	18%	
Proved/2P	62%	58%	56%	
NPV - 10% AT (C\$MM)			\$199	
NAV per share - f.d (C\$/s	·h)		\$199 \$0.32	
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Management		Directors		
Kevin Shaw	St	even Sharpe	(Chairman)	
Thomas Love	Do	ouglas Brook	s	
Steve Dabner	Gu	ıs Halas		
Brent Foster	Ba	rry Larson		
Robert Stanton	Ke	ith Macdona	ald	
John Wittnebel	Ra	y Smith		
Ruy Riavitz	Vi	ng Woo		
SHARE OWNERSHIP <sup>(1)</sup>			Desis	-
			Basic	F
Management			7%	10

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Source: Company Reports, Haywood Securities



## **Investment** Thesis

- Madalena Energy Inc. is an emerging E&P company focused on delineating world-class shale and unconventional resources in Argentina. The Company recently announced that its three light-oil and liquids-rich development plays in Canada (Ostracod, Wilrich/Notikewin, and Nordegg) are non-core.
- Investors still remain on the sidelines for Argentina but Argentina has recently made positive changes to the shale oil fiscal regime and the supermajors like ExxonMobil announced positive Vaca Muerta results.

## Risks

The investment to which this report relates carries various risks, which are reflected in our Overall Risk Rating. We consider following to be the most significant of these investment risks:

- Geopolitical/Regulatory risk. Argentina has a long history of government intervention in the private sector, particularly with respect to the energy industry. While a series of recent developments by the government are a step in the right direction the country should still be regarded as unpredictable. The peso devaluation also adds a level of uncertainty to the macro environment in Argentina but it is important to point out that this is expected to have a minimal impact on MVN's operations and unlike past Energy market "risk-off" events in Argentina, this is not a direct intervention by the government into the sector which turned away investors in the past.
- Operational/Execution risk. Oil and natural gas exploration involves a high degree of risk, which is managed through a combination of experience, knowledge, and careful evaluation. Drilling and completion operations are contingent on rig and equipment availability, which creates potential for delays. There is no assurance that expenditures made on exploration will result in new discoveries in commercial quantities. As well, existing production and processing activities can be impacted by unforeseeable events that can negatively impact production and cash flow levels. In Canada, while vertical well control has been demonstrated across the plays, the application of Hz multi-stage frac technology is early stage.
- Financial risk. All oil and gas companies have material exposure to financial risks, including interest rate fluctuations, changes in exchange rates and access to equity and debt markets. As well, financial risk includes credit risk pertaining to counterparties with which the company conducts its financial transactions (primarily marketing and hedging activities), and relating to JVs (i.e., working interest partners). Companies rely on a combination of cash flow and external capital to fund growth. Insufficient cash flow leads to further reliance on external sources, including debt financing and equity markets.
- Commodity risk. Oil and gas prices are determined by global supply and demand, in addition to other factors. Fluctuations in these prices could have a material, adverse impact on the operations, financial condition, proven and/or probable reserves and future development of undeveloped land. Declines in prices have a direct impact on revenue, cash flow, and earnings.
- Resource/Reserve Estimate risk. The process of estimating oil and gas reserves is complex, requiring significant assumptions for each reservoir, including production/decline rates, capital expenditures, and future commodity prices. As a result, such estimates are inherently imprecise. In addition, such reserves may be subject to downward or upward revisions based upon production history, results of ongoing exploration/development, prevailing oil and gas prices, as well as other factors.



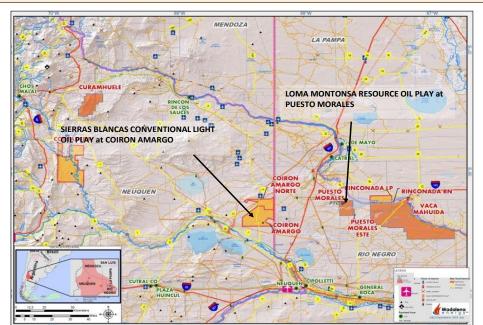
Key Employee risk. A significant portion of share value can be strongly attributed to a management team's experience and reputation. As such, the loss of a team member can have a considerable adverse impact on the Company's valuation. This risk is mitigated in part through management's direct ownership of the Company's shares.

Our Risk Profile Parameters ratings and Overall Risk Rating are set out on the cover page and are explained in our Rating Structure section under "Overall Risk Rating" and "Risk Profile Parameters". These ratings are an integral part of our Report.

## **Operations Update**

### **Puesto Morales Block**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hz Loma Montosa well (MVN 100% WI) tests an impressive 860 boe/d (55% oil). The PMS-1135 Hz well on MVN's Puesto Morales block (100% WI) was drilled and began testing operations on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Cumulative production over the last 5 days was 428 bopd plus gas volumes while over the last 24 hrs the well flowed 860 boe/d (480 b/d oil, 2.3 mmcf/d) and a 47% water cut. The well was completed with Argentina's first 12 stage ball drop open hole frac operation (hybrid slickwater/gel fluid base) and pumped 30 tonnes per stage. MVN will proceed to tie-in this well into existing infrastructure, where we expect on on-stream production rates to be closer to the 400 boe/d range.
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#### Figure 1: Puesto Morales and Coiron Amargo Blocks

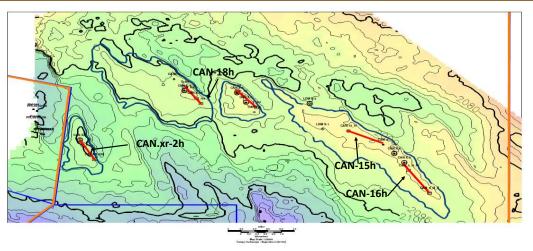
Source: Company Reports, Haywood Securities



### **Coiron Amargo Block**

4<sup>th</sup> Sierras Blancas light oil well at Coiron Amargo (MVN 35% WI) tests below previous wells, but still looks solid. The CAN-16h well was tied into production facilities on March 27<sup>th</sup> at a total gross rate of 600 boe/d (80% oil) and 210 boe/d net. The well has been on test or production for 20 days and continues to produce at a rate of 590 boe/d (206 boe/d WI) with a 15% water cut. While the test is less than MVN's 3<sup>rd</sup> Sierras Blancas Hz, CAN-18h that was initially placed on prod in Q4/14 at 910 boe/d (83% oil), we believe this is a solid well.

Figure 2: Coiron Amargo Norte: Sierras Blancas Horizontals



Source: Company Reports, Haywood Securities

## **Changes to Estimates**

Before including production volumes from MVN's two latest Hz wells in Argentina, we would prefer to observe how the wells perform over a longer production period. Furthermore, the timing of the return of Canadian production (~700 boe/d) that was shut-in in response to low commodity prices is still unclear, as the decision to bring back production is more or less in the hands of Keyera Corp, the gas plant operator. As a result, we have chosen to maintain our production estimates for 2015 at 4,500 boe/d. We have not made any changes to other estimates at this time.

#### Figure 3: Changes to Estimates

Haywood Estimates									
		2014e			2015e			2016e	
	Old	New	% Chg	Old	New	% Chg	Old	New	% Chg
Production									
Oil & NGLs (bbls/d)	2,142	2,142	0%	3,414	3,414	0%	3,694	3,694	0%
Natural Gas (mmcf/d)	5.2	5.2	0%	6.5	6.5	0%	6.6	6.6	0%
Total (boe/d)	3,002	3,002	0%	4,500	4,500	0%	4,800	4,800	0%
Financial									
Cash Flow (MM)	\$23.7	\$23.7	0%	\$18.0	\$18.0	0%	\$31.7	\$31.7	0%
CFPS diluted	\$0.04	\$0.04	0%	\$0.03	\$0.03	0%	\$0.06	\$0.06	0%
CapEx (MM)	\$40.8	\$40.8	0%	\$40.0	\$40.0	0%	\$40.0	\$40.0	0%
Net Debt (MM)	(\$14.8)	(\$14.8)	0%	\$7.2	\$7.2	0%	\$15.5	\$15.5	0%
Net Debt/CF	nm	nm	0%	0.4x	0.4x	0%	0.5x	0.5x	0%
Haywood Commodity Forecast									
		2014a			2015e			2015e	
WTI (US\$/bbl)	\$93.31	\$93.31	0%	\$52.00	\$57.10	10%	\$65.00	\$65.00	0%
Brent (US\$/bbl)	\$99.38	\$99.38	0%	\$57.10	\$57.10	0%	\$0.00	\$70.00	0%
AECO (\$C/mcf)	\$4.49	\$4.49	0%	\$2.60	\$2.60	0%	\$3.27	\$3.27	0%
Exchange Rate (US\$/C\$)	\$0.91	\$0.91	0%	\$0.80	\$0.80	0%	\$0.81	\$0.81	0%

Source: Company Reports, Haywood Securities



## **Company Comparables & Valuation**

MVN trades at 10.3x our 2015 EV/DACF and \$41,200 boe/d vs. consensus estimates for a basket of oil-focused domestic and Intl peers at 3.8x and \$33,200 boe/d.

#### Figure 4: Consensus Comparables

								%	%	Entity	Value	(1)(2
		Market	Entity	Net Debt /	Price /	EV /	2015E	Gas	Gas	BOE/D	P+P	
Company	Share Price	Сар	Value	CF	CFPS	DACF	Prod.	Prod.	Hedged	2015E	BOE	
	\$CAD	(\$mm)	(\$mm)	2015E	2015E	2015E	(BOE/D)	2015E	2014E	(\$/BOE/D)	(\$/BOE)	
Madalena Energy Inc.	\$0.34	\$184	\$175	0.4x	0.5x	10.3x	4,800	23%	0%	\$41,233	\$15.24	1
Pinecrest Energy Inc. *	\$0.01	\$1	\$117	4.0x	0.0x	3.5x	1,980	3%	33%	\$59,052	\$10.12	
Sterling Resources Ltd. *	\$0.17	\$65	\$301	2.4x	0.7x	2.8x	5,550	98%	33%	\$54,209	\$9.31	
TAG Oil Ltd. *	\$1.40	\$81	\$36	n.a.	2.3x	1.0x	1,800	12%	33%	\$20,150	\$4.48	
Crown Point Energy Inc. *	\$0.17	\$26	\$5	n.a.	1.6x	0.3x	2,340	98%	40%	\$2,115	\$1.00	
Americas Petrogas, Inc. *	\$0.15	\$37	\$22	2.8x	6.9x	4.7x	985	8%	40%	\$22,408	\$2.16	
Average		\$66	\$109	2.4x	2.0x	3.8x	2,909	40%	30%	\$33,195	\$7.05	
Median		\$51	\$77	2.6x	1.1x	3.2x	2,160	18%	33%	\$31,821	\$6.89	

(1) Entity Value (EV) defined as market capitalization plus net debt, adjusted for any acquisitions/dispositions or financings

(2) Production and cash flow estimates based on Haywood and street research.
(3) Net Debt used in calculation of Net Debt / Cash Flow does not include an adjustment for dilutive proceeds.

\* Based on Capital IQ estimates

Source: Capital IQ, Haywood Securities

### **Cash Flow Sensitivity**

In the Figure 5 below, we provide 2015 and 2016 sensitivities.

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bbls	4,450	\$4.6	\$8.9	\$13.1	\$17.4	\$21.6	\$25.9	\$30.2	bbls	4,450	4.3x	1.8x	0.9x	0.4x	0.1x	nm	n
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Source: Haywood Securities Inc.

## We Maintain our Buy Rating; Increasing Target Price to \$0.60/sh (+\$0.05)

We see the best value creation for MVN in delineating and proving up the massive shale resources in Argentina, which at year end 2014 had essentially no reserves booked. While the Puesto Morales block is not "shale" and is outside of the core Vaca Muerta hotspot being chased by industry, based on the early success shown it could hold the potential to develop into a scalable oil play that would be a nice cash flow engine for reinvestment into further delineating MVN's shale resources.



While energy investors remain predominantly on the sidelines, especially when it comes to Argentina (despite higher domestic oil pricing and positive Vaca Muerta results reported by Majors such as Exxon) we do see MVN as the best way to play Argentina longer term as the company is the only junior with acreage in the sweet spot of the oil window of one of the world's hottest unconventional shale plays and the only shale play outside of North America that is moving to development. With solid financial positioning and premium pricing in Argentina we see MVN as having the ability to advance delineation activity of several resource plays in Argentina in 2015.

We maintain our Buy rating and increasing our target price to \$0.60/sh from \$0.55/sh previously. Our increase in target price is a result of increasing the chance of success associated with the Sierras Blancas light oil play at Coiron Amargo block. Our target price is derived from a 5.3x EV/DACF base multiple, and have included an additional \$0.36 of risked resource upside.

#### Figure 6: Valuation Summary

	NAV BUILD - MADALEI	NA ENERGY			
		Multiple			\$/sh
Base 2016e EV/DACF Target Multi	ple	5.3x			\$0.22
Development and Exploration Up	side Unrisk	ed Value	Risk Factor	Risk	ed Value
Argentina					
Coiron Amargo Block	\$352	\$0.62	30%	\$79	\$0.19
Curamhuele Block	\$325	\$0.58	10%	\$33	
Cortadera Block	\$223	\$0.39	10%	\$22	\$0.04
Total Argentina	\$900	\$1.59		\$134	\$0.28
Canada					
Ostracod	\$136	\$0.24	17%	\$24	\$0.04
Notikewin/Wilrich	\$80	\$0.14	15%	\$12	\$0.02
Nordegg	\$98	\$0.17	8%	\$8	\$0.01
Total Canada	\$315	\$0.56		\$44	\$0.08
Total Resource Upside	\$1,215	\$2.15		\$177	\$0.36
Combined Base & Resource Upside		\$2.37			\$0.58
Target Price					\$0.60
Current Share Price					\$0.34
Implied Return					76%
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Source: Haywood Securities Inc.



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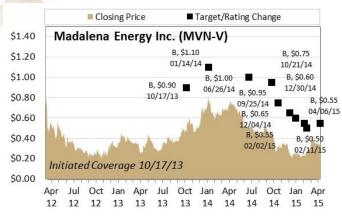
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	Distribution of	of Ratings	Clients
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Sell	1.4%	2	0.0%
Tender	0.0%	0	0.0%
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UR (Hold)	0.0%	0	0.0%
UR (Sell)	0.0%	0	0.0%
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