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ADIRA ENERGY CLOSES \$6.5 MILLION NON-BROKERED PRIVATE PLACEMENT WITH QUANTUM PARTNERS LP (AN INVESTMENT FUND MANAGED BY SOROS FUND MANAGEMENT LLC)

TORONTO, February 17 /CNW/ - ADIRA ENERGY LTD. (TSXV: ADL) (OTCBB: ADENF) (FRANKFURT: AORLB8). Adira Energy Ltd. ("Adira" or the "Company") is pleased to announce the closing of its previously announced CDN\$6,500,000 non-brokered private placement (the "Offering"). The Company issued 10,483,871 common shares at a price of CDN\$0.62 per share. The full amount of the Offering was subscribed for by Quantum Partners LP, a private investment fund managed by Soros Fund Management LLC. A 6% finder's fee was paid in connection with the Offering.

The Offering is subject to final TSX Venture Exchange approval.

About Adira Energy Ltd.

Adira Energy Ltd. explores for oil and gas in and offshore Israel. It has four petroleum exploration licenses; the Eitan, Gabriella, Yitzhak and Samuel Licenses. These licenses are located respectively onshore in the Hula Valley of Northern Israel and, 10 km offshore between Netanya and Ashdod, 17 km offshore between Hadera and Netanya and adjacent to the coast between Ashkelon and Bat-Yam. The Company has an agreement to farm in to 70% the Notera license adjacent to the Eitan license.

The Company has filed an independent technical report related to the Eitan license on www.sedar.com. The report, prepared by Petrotech Engineering Ltd. is entitled "Evaluation of the Interest of Adira Energy Corp. in License No.356 EITAN in the Hula Valley, Israel", dated June 1, 2009 and is supplemented by a letter dated October 8, 2009.

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