

Adira Energy Announces Stock Option Grant

TORONTO, March 18, 2011 /CNW/ - ADIRA ENERGY LTD. (TSXV: ADL) (OTCBB: ADENF) (FRANKFURT: AORLB8). Adira Energy Ltd. ("Adira" or the "Company") announces the granting of incentive stock options to purchase an aggregate of 300,000 common shares of Adira to two officer recipients. The stock option grants are all subject to regulatory approval. Terms of the options include an exercise price of \$0.72 per common share. 100,000 of the options shall vest as follows: 12.5% of the options granted every six months with the initial amount vesting on the date that is six months from the date hereof, resulting in the options being fully vested on September 17, 2015. These options expire on March 17, 2016. 200,000 of the options shall vest on September 17, 2011 and shall expire on March 17, 2016.

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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