



## **ADIRA ENERGY ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF NEW DIRECTORS, NEW CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND STOCK OPTION GRANT**

**Toronto, Ontario, January 12, 2011 / ADIRA ENERGY LTD. (TSXV: ADL; OTCBB: ADENF; FRANKFURT: AORLB8)** Adira Energy Ltd. ("Adira" or the "Company") is pleased to announce the appointment of Eli Barkat and Yael Reznik Cramer of the BRM Group Ltd. ("BRM") to the board of directors of the Company (the "Board") by its existing directors, effective January 11, 2011, to hold office until the next annual meeting of the shareholders. In accordance with these appointments the Board has been increased from six members to eight.

The appointment takes place in accordance with the Company's existing agreement with BRM described in the Company's press release dated October 29, 2010.

The Company also announces that effective January 11, 2011 Mr. Gadi Levin, the CFO of the Company's four Israeli operating subsidiaries, has been appointed Chief Financial Officer of the Company. The Company's current CFO, Mr. Alan Rootenberg, will continue to assist the Company on a consulting basis.

Mr. Levin is a chartered accountant with many years of experience in the public and private equity markets. His experience spans multiple jurisdictions including South Africa, England and Israel. He has a Bachelor of Commerce degree in Accounting and Information Systems, has received his Chartered Accountant designation in South Africa and has an MBA from Bar Ilan University in Israel. The Company believes this change will help to streamline its multi-jurisdictional operations.

The Company also announces the granting of incentive stock options to purchase an aggregate of 1,650,000 common shares of Adira to a number of director and officer recipients. The stock option grants are all subject to regulatory approval.

Terms of the options include an exercise price of \$0.80 per common share, a vesting schedule allowing for the vesting of 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 July 11, 2015. The options expire on January 11, 2016.

### **About BRM**

BRM Group is a privately-held holding company and invests in the hi-tech industry and in the financial services focusing on Israel-related companies. BRM seek out and invest in companies with truly revolutionary potential that can become significant market players, creating long term value and offer entrepreneurs knowledge, networking and capital and a long term company-building focus. The chairman of the group is Mr. Eli Barkat, Chairman and Co-founder of BRM, is a recognized figure in the Israeli business community, with more than 20 years of entrepreneurial, investment and business management experience.

BRM Group has a history of building success stories and has been involved, either directly or via venture capital funds under its control, in some noteworthy exits. These include Checkpoint (NASDAQ: CHKP); Backweb (NASDAQ: BWEB); Passave (sold to PMC-Sierra); Oplus Technologies (sold to Intel); Whale Communications (sold to Microsoft); and Fraud Sciences (sold to eBay).

For more information, visit [www.brm.com](http://www.brm.com).

## **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, collectively covering an aggregate total of approximately 350,000 acres. These licenses are located respectively on-shore in the Hula Valley of Northern Israel, 10 km offshore between Netanya and Ashdod, 17 km offshore between Hadera and Netanya and adjacent to the coast between Ashqelon and Bat-Yam. In addition the company has an agreement to farm in to 70% of the Notera license adjacent to the company's Eitan license.

The Company has filed an independent technical report related to the Eitan license on [www.sedar.com](http://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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