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ADIRA ENERGY ANNOUNCES CLOSING OF \$11.1 MILLION PROSPECTUS FINANCING

TORONTO, August 9, 2012 /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 prospectus offering (the “Offering”) of units. Each unit was priced at \$0.14 and consists of one common share in the capital of the Company (a “Common Share”) and one Common Share purchase warrant (a “Warrant”). Each Warrant is exercisable to acquire one Common Share at a price of \$0.20 per Common Share until August 9, 2015. The Offering was completed by a syndicate of agents co-led by GMP Securities L.P., Cormark Securities Inc. and Dundee Securities Ltd. and included Clarus Securities Inc. and FirstEnergy Capital Corp. PowerOne Capital Markets Limited acted as a member of the selling group in connection with the Offering.

A total of 79,012,640 units were sold under the Offering for aggregate gross proceeds of \$11.1 million. Commissions of up to 6% in broker fees and broker warrants were paid on the Offering. Each broker warrant is exercisable for one Common Share at an exercise price of \$0.14 per Common Share until August 9, 2014. A total of 3,353,000 broker warrants were issued. A total of 180,781,093 Common Shares are now issued and outstanding following the closing of the Offering. Approximately 19,031,096 units were subscribed for by insiders of the Company.

The net proceeds of the Offering will be used in accordance with the use of proceeds set out in the final prospectus dated July 25, 2012, to advance exploration and development programs on the Gabriella, Yitzhak and Samuel licenses and for general corporate purposes. Listing of the Common Shares is subject to final TSX Venture Exchange approval.

Jeffrey E. Walter, Chief Executive Officer stated: *“We are pleased to welcome new investors into Adira’s already strong investor base. Adira continues to make excellent progress in being able to instil the confidence that it can deliver on the promises that have been made to our shareholders. Over the last several months we have delivered extensions to all of our licenses, extended drilling contract commitment dates, added Board members with significant industry experience, and recently contracted a rig for our core asset “Gabriella”. We continue to make excellent progress and remain focused on our program in the Eastern Mediterranean. We confidently believe that Adira’s assets and experienced team will be instrumental in enabling oil to be the next headline resource in Israel.”*

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About Adira Energy Ltd.

Adira Energy Ltd. is an oil and gas company which is focused in the eastern Mediterranean. The Company has three petroleum exploration licenses offshore Israel; the Gabriella, Yitzhak and Samuel Licenses. These licenses are located respectively 10 km offshore between Netanya and Ashdod, 9 km offshore between Hadera and Netanya and adjacent to the coast between Ashkelon and Bat-Yam.

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