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EEAP AND TIL SCHWEIGER PROLONG COOPERATION

Barefoot licensing Schweiger's THE GUARDIAN to EEAP for Central and Eastern Europe

Barefoot Films and EEAP, Eastern European Acquisition Pool, continue their long term relationship with THE GUARDIAN, the new action thriller from multi-hyphenate actor, co-writer, director and producer Til Schweiger. EEAP acquired all rights for Central and Eastern Europe, including the CIS, from Schweiger's production company Barefoot Films, producer of the English-language remake shooting early 2013 with Germany's leading star once again at the helm.

"I'm very thankful to producers Til Schweiger and Tom Zickler for their continuing trust in our work and look forward to the upcoming release of THE GUARDIAN in our territories. In Russia the film will likely premiere the beginning of next year", says Alexander van Dülmen, Managing Director of EEAP.

In THE GUARDIAN, Nina, an orphan (played by Schweiger's 15-year-old daughter Luna Schweiger), witnesses a wealthy industrialist murder a bell hop in a hotel. Sought after by the cronies of the murderer, Nina is placed under protective custody with Max Fischer (Schweiger), a psychologically troubled former Special Forces agent, as her guardian. The protective custody goes awry and Max and Nina must escape the city and those closest to them in order to stay alive.

THE GUARDIAN will be Schweiger's first action thriller released in Eastern Europe since his recent string of successful romantic comedies in the region with ZWEIOHRKÜKEN generating the highest box office of any German film released in Russia.

EEAP Eastern European Acquisition Pool GmbH is one of the leading film licensing companies for Central and Eastern Europe, including the CIS.

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