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Brightlight Pictures Collaborates on Fifth German Co-Production
Shooting will begin in July on popular video horror thriller "Alone in the Dark"

(Vancouver, BC) – In the continuation of a great European-Canadian film relationship, Brightlight Pictures announces its latest collaboration with German director Uwe Boll on "Alone in the Dark", a \$20 million dollar feature film scheduled to shoot July through September 2003, in the Greater Vancouver area.

Brightlight Pictures has also secured Christian Slater ("Windtalkers", "True Romance") and Tara Reid ("American Pie", "The Big Lebowski") to star in "Alone in the Dark". Other roles are currently being cast in Vancouver and Los Angeles. The film will see more than 100 local crew take part in production through the course of the summer. Release is tentatively scheduled for Fall 2004.

Like the popular Lara Croft character, which began as a video game and was adapted to the big screen, "Alone In the Dark" is based on a horror video games series from Atari (formerly Infogrames). The script for "Alone in the Dark" was co-written by local Vancouver writer, Elan Mastai, Michael Roesch and Peter Scheerer.

Brightlight Pictures has been retained by Boll to translate the game to the big screen as a thrilling action packed mystery. The film follows the life of paranormal detective Edward Carnby, who unravels a mystery that brings him face to face with inescapable horrors.

Directed by Boll, "Alone in the Dark" is the fifth co-venture between he and Shawn Williamson, principal and producer of Vancouver-based Brightlight Pictures. Over the past four years, the two have collaborated on a range of projects where Boll's European financing has contributed to the growth of the local film industry. "The shared vision between our two companies made it an easy decision to develop "Alone in the Dark" with Brightlight Pictures," says Uwe Boll, director.

"Brightlight Pictures has developed a strong relationship with Uwe Boll for a number of reasons," says Williamson. "Through our work together, we have developed a great bi-continental relationship and we are very excited to be working with Boll again on Alone in the Dark."

Brightlight Pictures, a feature film and television production company based in Vancouver, B.C., develops, finances and produces independent feature films and television projects for the domestic and international marketplace. Company principals and producers, Stephen Hegyes and Shawn Williamson, have produced over 50 productions in the last 10 years, including Bruce Sweeney's "Last Wedding" which opened the 2001 Toronto International Film Festival and starred Molly Parker, "Try Seventeen" starring Elijah Wood and Mandy Moore and "Jiminy Glick" starring Martin Short.

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