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**Two-time Oscar-nominated TOM WILKINSON joins SAMUEL L. JACKSON
and an impressive lineup of Canadian actors, in
THE SAMARITAN**

TORONTO. April 11, 2011 ----- Two-time Academy Award nominated Tom Wilkinson will star with Samuel L. Jackson, Luke Kirby, and Ruth Negga in THE SAMARITAN. "Tom Wilkinson is one of the industry's most respected actors," says producer Andras Hamori. "It's an honour to welcome such an extraordinary performer to our cast." Wilkinson will play the head of a criminal empire, who becomes ensnared in a grift with far-reaching consequences.

Tom Wilkinson's exceptional body of work ranges from *Michael Clayton* with George Clooney, and *In the Bedroom* with Sissy Spacek - both of which garnered him Academy Award nominations - to Roman Polanski's *The Ghost Writer*, as well as leading roles in *Batman Returns* and *The Green Hornet*. Mr. Wilkinson is currently starring in the controversial mini-series *The Kennedys*.

In addition to Tom Wilkinson's star cameo, THE SAMARITAN also includes cameo performances from a distinguished line-up of Canadian talent: Deborah Kara Unger (*Crash, The Game*) Gil Bellows (*The Shawshank Redemption, Passchendaele*) Tom McCamus (*Cairo Time*) Martha Burns (*Blindness*), and Diana LeBlanc (the prolific actor turned director of the Stratford Festival Theatre).

Directed by David Weaver, the film is currently shooting in Toronto, before finishing principal photography in Rio de Janeiro in late April.

THE SAMARITAN will be introduced to international buyers at the upcoming Cannes International Film Festival and Market by Mark Horowitz of H2O Motion Pictures World Sales.

THE SAMARITAN is an Andras Hamori / H2O Motion Pictures production in association with Lumino Pictures, Middle Child Films and Quickfire Films, made with the participation of Telefilm Canada, The Harold Greenberg Fund and the Ontario Media Development Corporation. Entertainment One distributes the film in Canada, Degeto in Germany, Videovision in South Africa, Ascot Elite in Switzerland.

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