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## **Amazon Studios Acquires 16 Cost Effective Screenplays That Are Designed To Launch Up To 10 Film Franchise Profiles**

SEATTLE--(BUSINESS WIRE)—Jan. 2, 2019-- (NASDAQ: AMZN) - Amazon Studios today announced a significant expansion of its business model into major film franchises for primary release in the global theatrical markets. The Amazon Studios strategy is to compete successfully with the major Hollywood studios by targeting the over 85% of adults who are not inspired by the shallow storytelling, one dimensional characters and gratuitous/repetitive action, violence, depravity, horror, super heroes, sci-fi, animation, crude humor and computer-generated effects extravaganzas that dominate modern cinema.

This cost effective and exciting content acquisition will add a perpetual stream of at least 4 feature film franchise movies each year to global theaters and the Amazon Prime Video services.

The new franchise content includes an array of high concept, triumph of the human spirit stories that often feature sensational female protagonists who are immersed in the most exciting reality based scenarios of modern age. These films project a wide diversity of compelling resonance elements that are skillfully designed to match the viewing preferences of broad spectrum international adults.

The acquired franchise inventory includes:

- A major action/thriller/claustrophobic pentology that features the most exciting female protagonist in the most consequential films ever conceived.
- A major trilogy that launches a sensational female protagonist into the James Bond/Jason Bourne genre in terrifying plausible real world scenarios.
- A cross adversarial cultural romantic thriller that employs the highly successful “Dance With Wolves” and “Avatar” story structure set during the end of the Cold War and its dangerous aftermath.
- The primary screenplays in 7 other fascinating film franchise profiles that compare very favorably to anything in theaters today.

These are awe inspiring movies that almost everyone will want to see, that no one will want to end and that will resonate with viewers long after they see them. They are designed for the over 85% of adults who are familiar with the recurring frustration of wanting to see a movie, checking the listings and finding nothing that inspires them to go to the theater or view by other means.

The goal of every one of these films is to deliver thought provoking, consequential and diversely entertaining cinema that audiences have never experienced before.

All of these films are designed to be produced on budgets of less than \$35 million per film in genres that have averaged over \$400 million in box office revenues per film since 2006.

Amazon Studios believes this very cost-effective content acquisition has much higher IRR potential than the mega budget Marvel Studios scenarios. This will be achieved by focusing on superior concepts, content and characters and not relying on costly computer-generated effects.

Amazon Studios will own the exclusive rights to all global streaming and other aftermarket revenues.

Amazon Studios believes this venture will expand the \$50 billion annual theatrical market with quarterly releases of major motion pictures that target huge global adult audience preferences that are being largely ignored by the major studios.