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## SAMUEL GOLDWYN HAS ACQUIRED NORTH AMERICAN RIGHTS TO JAMES KERMACK'S FIGHT THRILLER "KNUCKLEDUST"

Los Angeles, CA (**NOVEMBER 1, 2020**) – Samuel Goldwyn Films announced today that the company has acquired North American rights to James Kermack's feature film **KNUCKLEDUST**. The action thriller stars Moe Dunford (Vikings), Kate Dickie (The Witch), Camille Rowe (Now is Everything), Phil Davis (Face), Alex Ferns (Chernobyl), Olivier Richters (Black Widow), Jaime Winstone (Tomb Raider), Gethin Anthony (Game of Thrones) and Sebastien Foucan (Casino Royale). The film will be released late 2020.

Police discover an elite fight club where they find seven underground levels, filled with the dead bodies of fighters from around the world. Only one man is found left alive. The task force has to work out if he's a mass murderer or the lone survivor?

"KNUCKLEDUST is a truly unique and original action thriller. Samuel Goldwyn Films bringing KNUCKLEDUST to North American audiences is very exciting for us and a perfect fit for the film." **Julien Loeffler - Producer** 

"KNUCKLEDUST is set in a hyper stylized version of the world we live in, fusing neon dreams with bone breaking claret soaked fights, a graphic novel come to life. We have a brilliant international cast and I'm so excited to finally share this wild universe with the world." James Kermack - Writer & Director

Both leads actors felt the script was for them immediately, with **Moe Dunford** (Vikings) describing the film as "completely bonkers and unlike anything I had ever read" whilst **Kate Dickie** (The Witch) felt it was "A headf\*\*k in the best possible way".

**KNUCKLEDUST** was written and directed by James Kermack. The film is a co-production between Julien Loeffler at Featuristic Films and Laurent Fumeron, Daniel Goroshko and Rodolphe Sanze at The Project; executive produced by Phil Hunt, Compton Ross, Nils Rebehn, James Barton-Steel, Reinhard Besser, Walter Mair, Prakash Gurbaxani, Rohan Gurbaxani, Matthew Bradley, Ron Bradley, and Sharunya Varriale.

The film is being made in association with Head Gear Films, OneWorld Entertainment, Trigger Films, Onsight and IIW Studio.

The deal was negotiated by Miles Fineburg on behalf of Samuel Goldwyn Films and Gregory Chambet of WTFilms on behalf of the filmmakers.

## **ABOUT SAMUEL GOLDWYN FILMS**

Samuel Goldwyn Films is a major, independently owned and operated motion-picture company that develops, produces and distributes innovative feature films and documentaries.

The company is dedicated to working with both world-renowned and emerging writers/filmmakers and committed to filmed entertainment that offers original voices in uniquely told stories. This is best exemplified by the Academy Award® nominated SUPER SIZE ME; Sundance winner GOOK written and directed by Justin Chon; the critically acclaimed feature debut by Francis Lee GOD'S OWN COUNTRY; SXSW winner MOST BEAUTIFUL ISLAND; Warwick Thornton's Australian western SWEET COUNTRY starring Sam Neill, Bryan Brown, and Hamilton Morris; the Wim Wenders film, starring James McAvoy and Academy

Award winner® Alicia Vikander, SUBMERGENCE; A BOY A GIRL A DREAM starring Omari Hardwick and Meagan Good, and Ondi Timoner's bio-pic MAPPLETHORPE starring Matt Smith';; the Karen Gillan & David Dastmalchian lead film ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW; Sci-Fi/Fantasy PARADISE HILLS starring Emma Roberts; the horror/thriller film starring Patrick Schwarzenegger and Miles Robbins DANIEL ISN'T REAL; the road-trip comedy COME AS YOU ARE; the dark-comedy JUDY & PUNCH; action packed Scott Adkins lead film DEBT COLLECTORS; MR. JONES starring James Norton, Vanessa Kirby, and Peter Sarsgaard. the sea shanty true story FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS; and Australian romance DIRT MUSIC. Upcoming releases include the epic drama WAITING FOR THE BARBARIANS starring Academy Award® winner Mark Rylance, Academy Award® nominee Johnny Depp, and Robert Pattinson; the Hugo Weaving lead MEASURE FOR MEASURE; ETERNAL BEAUTY starring Academy Award® Nominee Sally Hawkins; family film H IS FOR HAPPINESS; FROM THE VINE starring Joe Pantoliano; and LGBTQ+ teen comedy DATING AMBER.

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