

CBS Films Acquires ‘Ends Of The Earth’ At Cannes

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BREAKING: Cannes doesn't get going until tomorrow, and already things are getting busy. CBS Films has closed a preemptive deal for U.S. distribution rights to *Ends of the Earth*, the action thriller written and directed by Derek Lee and Clif Prowse. The deal was done by CBS Films Co-President Wolfgang Hammer and EVP of Acquisitions & Co-Productions Scott Shooman. The film isn't finished, but CBS Films acquired it in at a similar state as when the division bought the fright film *The Woman in Black*.

The film follows best friends who go on a whirlwind trip around the world. All goes well until they have an unusual encounter that will alter them forever. It is a found footage-style thriller with a vampire angle, I'm told. Chris Ferguson and Zach Lipovsky produced, back by Telefilm Canada. IM Global's Stuart Ford, Automatik's Brian Kavanaugh-Jones and Alliance's Charles Layton are the executive producers.

Ford, IM Global's Jonathan Deckter, Kavanaugh-Jones and Verve combined to close the deal. IM Global is handling international territories at Cannes, with Alliance holding rights in Canada, the U.K. and Spain.

CBS Films is a distributor that buyers and sellers feel could be an active participant in the chase for domestic rights to star-driven films.

