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Beverly Hills, California (May 12, 2018) Leading international sales company Arclight Films has finalized its North American distribution deal for the science fiction romance feature film *Ederlezi Rising* with Grindstone Entertainment, it was announced today by Arclight Films CEO Gary Hamilton. The Grindstone Entertainment acquisition will be a Lionsgate Home Entertainment release in March 2019.

Producer Jonathan English and Arclight’s Ruzanna Kegeyan negotiated the domestic deal with Stan Wertlieb and Ryan Black of Grindstone Entertainment.

“*Ederlezi Rising* has proven to be an audience charmer both on the festival circuit and in the marketplace,” said Hamilton. “We are delighted to be in business with the outstanding Grindstone team again and know that they are going to be great partners on this fun and adventurous film.”

Grindstone’s Stan Wertlieb and Ryan Black both agreed, “*Ederlezi Rising* is as original a sci-fi film as we have seen in years. Artificial intelligence will never be the same.”

Ederlezi Rising stars acclaimed actor Sebastian Cavazza (*If I Were Someone, Short Circuits*) and international adult star Stoya in the pulse-pounding science fiction romance set in the near future aboard a pioneering space station championed by the multinational Ederlezi Corporation. Cosmonaut Mllutin, who leads the mission to explore the star system Alpha Centauri, is accompanied by Nimani, a female android programmed to fulfill all his needs and desires.

Arclight Films is handling worldwide rights to the feature and launched sales on the heart racing title at the recent European Film Market in Berlin. The film recently premiered at the International Film Festival Belgrade where it was awarded prizes for Best Actor for Cavazza and Best Actress for Stoya. The director Lazar Bodroza was awarded the best director prize and a Special Recognition from the festival jury. The film unanimously won The Belgrade Victor Award for Best Serbian Film. *Ederlezi Rising* was also nominated for best European Film at the Brussels International Fantastic Film Festival.

Directed by Lazar Bodroza from the script by Dimitrije Vojnov and story by Zoran Neskovic,



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the unique romance is produced by Aleksandar Protic, Jonathan English, and the Film Center Serbia.

ABOUT ARCLIGHT FILMS

Arclight Films is one of the world's leading international sales companies for theatrical, television and home entertainment. Arclight Films has sold over 300 motion pictures including the Best Picture Oscar® winner *Crash*, and Golden Globe® Best Picture Nominee *Bobby* and *Lord of War* starring Nicolas Cage, Jared Leto and Ethan Hawke.

Arclight Films additionally encompasses subsidiary labels Darclight Films, the edgy genre-driven division of the company whose films include the worldwide horror hits *Wolf Creek*, *Wolf Creek 2* and action thriller *Bait 3D* (the highest grossing Australian film in the history of Chinese cinema), and Easternlight, a specialty arm showcasing Asian cinema with the largest film library of any non-Asian-based indie film label. Films sold under the Easternlight banner include the worldwide blockbuster *Forbidden Kingdom* starring Jackie Chan and Jet Li, *14 Blades* starring Donnie Yen, and legendary auteur Chen Kaige's *Sacrifice*.

The latest additions to Easternlight include *Triple Threat* starring Celina Jade, *Guardians of the Tomb* starring Kellen Lutz and Bingbing Li, *Snow Girl and The Dark Crystal* starring Bingbing Li, *Wolf Warrior* starring Wu Jing (which opened #1 at the Chinese Box Office, earning more than \$32.5M in one weekend), *Outcast* starring Nicolas Cage, *Special Id* starring Donnie Yen, and *Badges Of Fury*.

Some of the latest additions to the Arclight Films' slate include 2016 Official Cannes Directors' Fortnight selection *Dog Eat Dog* starring Nicolas Cage and Willem Dafoe, directed and written by Paul Schrader, *Hotel Mumbai* starring Dev Patel and Armie Hammer, *First Reformed* starring Ethan Hawke and Amanda Seyfried, directed and written by Paul Schrader and an official selection at the 2017 Venice Film Festival, Telluride Film Festival and Toronto International Film Festival, Heather Graham's directorial debut *Half Magic*, *The Confirmation* starring Clive Owen and Maria Bello, directed by Academy Award-winner Bob Nelson (*Nebraska*), 2016 Sundance Official Selection *Frank & Lola* starring Imogen Poots and Michael Shannon, *Predestination* starring Ethan Hawke now in release through Sony Pictures, *Last Knights* starring Clive Owen and Morgan Freeman, *Paper Planes* starring Sam Worthington, *Shangri-La Suite* starring Emily Browning and Luke Grimes, *Jungle* starring Daniel Radcliffe released in the US October 20th, 2017, and the big budget Chinese co-



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production *Killer 10* to be directed by Phillip Noyce.

Arclight Films maintains a presence at all major motion picture and television festivals and markets with offices in Los Angeles, Sydney, Hong Kong, Beijing and Toronto.

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