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## **ANYTIME VIDEO ON DEMAND PARTNERS WITH HOLLYWOOD STUDIOS**

The Video On Demand company, ANYTIME, today announced arrangements with three of Hollywood's biggest studios that will result in the largest single offering in Asia of major company product for VOD. Twentieth Century Fox, Sony Pictures Television International and Warner Bros International Television Distribution have joined a current Universal deal to supply ANYTIME with current and library titles to the service in Asia and the Pacific Rim.

ANYTIME is currently deployed in Taiwan on CHT and in Hong Kong with i-CABLE and it will shortly roll out in Australia with TransACT.

ANYTIME was started three years ago by the Singapore based YTC Corporation, Australia's Macquarie Bank and LA based production company Coote Hayes Productions.

Greg Coote, Executive Chairman of ANYTIME, said: "This enormous vote of confidence from the US studios says it all. Video On Demand is the next big cash waterfall for the motion-picture-at-home industry and this move validates that claim.

With the depth of the product lineup and the option of refreshing the service with new product weekly, the ability to offer "what they want when they want it" becomes a reality."

Andrew Yap, CEO and Vice Chairman of ANYTIME said: "Our carrier partners have been very gracious in waiting for this product to come on line, their patience and generosity has now been rewarded.

This offering marks the start of the Video On Demand push into the home, with a service that boasts not only the current titles of four major studios, but a 20,000 strong library of gold."

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Additional information may be found at [www.anytimeondemand.com](http://www.anytimeondemand.com) or by calling:

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## **ABOUT YTC GROUP**

YTC Group is a privately held corporation based in Singapore with widespread interests and offices in 8 countries. Headed by Andrew Yap, it is a diversified group with substantial holdings in hotels, property development, specialized design services and construction. YTC's highly specialized industrial and agricultural chemical formulation and manufacturing capabilities in Indonesia and Singapore have sales offices, storage and test facilities throughout Asia. YTC's lifestyle business covers coffee, cafe and bakery in both wholesale and retail outlets.

## **ABOUT COOTE/HAYES PRODUCTIONS**

Coote/Hayes Productions was formed when Greg Coote, then President and CEO of Village Roadshow Pictures, and Jeffrey Hayes organized a management buyout of Village Roadshow's TV Division. Coote has a long association with broadcast, having previously been Managing Director of Australia's TEN Network when owned by Rupert Murdoch. He started that country's first FM radio station, he moved to the U.S. and was the International President of Columbia Pictures.

## **TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX**

Twentieth Century Fox is a subsidiary of News Corporation. News Corporation's diversified global operations in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, Latin America and the Pacific Basin include the production and distribution of motion pictures and television programming; television, satellite and cable broadcasting, the publication of newspapers, magazines and books; the production and distribution of promotional and advertising products and services; the development of digital broadcasting; the development of conditional access and subscriber management systems.

## **ABOUT SONY PICTURES TELEVISION INTERNATIONAL**

Sony Pictures Television International (SPTI) operates three complementary lines of business: 1) distribution of Sony Pictures Entertainment's feature films and television programming to television outlets around the world, 2) local television production in key international markets, and 3) international television networks. In addition to being a leader in the distribution of current and classic U.S. and international films and television product worldwide, SPTI produces high profile, locally produced television in local languages. With dedicated offices in France, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Miami (Latin

America), the People's Republic of China, Spain and the United Kingdom, SPTI currently oversees production in eight regions. SPTI's worldwide television networks portfolio is a key strategy in the Company's long-range commitment to the global marketplace, with approximately 40 networks in more than 100 countries reaching over 240 million viewers worldwide. SPTI is a Sony Pictures Entertainment company.

### **ABOUT NBC UNIVERSAL CABLE**

NBC Universal, one of the world's preeminent media companies, is a leader in providing entertainment programming to the domestic and international marketplaces. NBC Universal Cable, a division of NBC Universal, drives the company's cable strategic development and growth including video-on-demand, pay-per-view, HDTV and retransmission consent, and oversees the cable distribution, marketing and local ad sales of fourteen properties (Bravo, CNBC, CNBC World, MSNBC, mun2, NBC Weather Plus, Sci-Fi, ShopNBC, Telemundo, Telemundo Puerto Rico, Trio, Universal HD, USA and the Olympics on cable). NBC Universal Cable also directs and manages the company's cable and new media investments including A&E, The History Channel, History Channel International, The Biography Channel, National Geographic International, the Sundance Channel and Tivo.

### **ABOUT WARNER BROS. INTERNATIONAL TELEVISION DISTRIBUTION**

Warner Bros. International Television Distribution is one of the world's largest distributors of television, licensing some 43,000 hours of programming, dubbed or subtitled in more than 40 languages, to more than 175 countries. WBITD handles distribution to all international television media, including broadcast, pay cable, basic cable, satellite, pay-per-view, video-on-demand and digital platforms.

### **ABOUT THE MACQUARIE GROUP**

The Macquarie Group is a diversified international provider of specialist financial and investment banking services with over 5000 people in 17 countries. The Macquarie Group comprises Macquarie Bank, the leading Australian investment bank, and its worldwide affiliated entities.

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Macquarie is also in selected markets across North America, South America, the UK, Europe, Asia and Africa. Macquarie is a top 30 company listed on the Australian Stock Exchange with a market capitalization of A\$7.7 billion as of March 31, 2004.