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## Thursday, September 22, 2011

7:30 am Summit Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:45 am Welcome & Keynote Remarks

9:00 am **Current Trends and Developments in Film Finance**

- Where are the emerging sources of financing coming from
- Has the glut of independent films slowed down
- The role of private equity-hedge funds and wealth funds
- Recent developments with slate deals-Have the structures changed
- Strategies of studios in making films in the current economy
- State of the Pre-sale market
- Is "soft money" disappearing with austerity budget cuts
- What's new and exciting in digital distribution developments

9:45 am **Current Developments in the Use of US State Tax Incentives**

- Where are the current hot spots and which states have scaled back
- Describe the various incentives and how much money can you really count on
- How do you monetize incentives
- When do the incentives become available in the finance structure
- How do you use banks, brokers and investors to get your money
- Challenges in accessing incentives—pitfalls and traps for the unwary
- Eligibility of non-traditional programming
- Dealing with audits and compliance
- Recent developments and trends

11:00 am Break for Refreshments

11:15 am **International Film Production Incentives – What's Available Outside the US in the Way of "Soft-Money" New developments in Canada, Europe, Latin America, Asia Pacific and Emerging Markets**

- Which countries are offering the most competitive financial incentives
- How do you go about applying for the credits?
- What do you have to set up to qualify?
- Must the film be done as a co-production
- What percentage of production spend is available as a credit?
- How do you monetize international tax credits
- How and when do you get the money?
- How do you deal with currency risks
- Need to satisfy certain EU or national requirements as to nationality of director/producer, etc.
- Is there a cultural test? Any PE tax risk or currency risks?

12:15 pm **Pre-Luncheon Key Note: State of the Cable TV Market for Independent Film Producers**

12:30 pm Summary and Q&A

12:45 pm Luncheon

1:45 pm **Structuring a Film Financing: Utilizing Banks, Private Equity, Film Funds, Tax Credits & Other Funding Sources - Completing a Film Financing in Current Economic Climate**

- Which banks and other lenders are actively lending on presales, tax credits and gap
- What conditions need to be met to obtain financing
- Due diligence/ proof of funding on film funds, equity and non-traditional sources
- How do you access equity investments – and who is investing?
- What has changed in production lending?
- Current state of slate financing
- How important is the completion bond company in obtaining financing
- Is financing available for state tax credits?

2:45 pm Break for Refreshments

3:00 pm **Attaching Talent to a Motion Picture - How do You Get the Right Talent at the Right Time to Facilitate Financing Opportunities**

- Fitting the talent to the project
- Is there such a thing as "bankable" talent anymore?
- How to get talent to work below their normal rates for the right script?
- Working with the major talent and casting agencies - understanding their needs and issues
- Are first time directors "bankable"
- Legal issues in contracting with talent
- Are pay-or-play commitments workable?
- Completion bonds and other insurance issues with talent
- Tips for independent producers hoping to arrange financing where getting the right talent can make financing happen

4:00 pm **Current Developments in the Use of Federal Tax Incentives and Other Hot Tax & Accounting Topics in the Film Industry**

- Development and use of Federal Section 199 Credits
- Status and use of federal Section 181
- R&D Credits in the media and entertainment business
- Is transfer pricing an issue in the film industry
- Opportunities to enhance the extra territorial income exclusion
- Globalization and international tax

5:00 pm **Developing a Distribution Strategy to Secure Financing**

- Working with sales agents and distributors
- When do you start talking to distributors
- How does the genre of the film affect which markets to go after
- Presales and minimum guarantees
- When does a distributor start selling a film
- Exhibitors and how they determine what films to add
- How do producers self-distribute their films
- What is the importance of film festivals in today's changing market
- Are film festivals like Tribeca and Sundance into digital distribution

6:00 pm Summary and Q&A

6:15 pm First Day Ends - Cocktail Reception Begins

## Friday September 23rd, 2011

8:00 am Continental Breakfast

8:45 am **Filming in Ontario, Canada - Experiences and Opportunities**

9:00 am **Brands & Entertainment - Working Together for Mutual and Maximum Success**

- Can brand integration and product placement generate funds to develop or market a film
- Examples of successful brand integration in films & television
- Corporate brands most active in product placement
- Legal issues in structuring a brand integration deal
- Working with specialized advertising agencies or consultants to do deals-How they work and get compensated
- How do Studios view branded entertainment versus independent film makers

10:00 am Break for Refreshments

10:15 am **Labor Issues in Dealing with Guilds and Labor Unions**

- Above-the-line: SAG and DGA sign-up and the Station 12 process
- Negotiating guild "financial assurances": security agreements, residuals reserves and more
- Extra-territorial Coverage: Global Rule One
- Low budget theatrical agreements: SAG, DGA and IATSE
- Below-the-line: Accessing IATSE's term collective bargaining agreements

11:15 am **Structuring a Financing Plan for a Scripted Network or Cable TV Series**

- How does a television series get greenlit today
- Where does the funding come from for television series
- Co-productions -Does soft money matter?
- Who are the producers on scripted TV Series and who employs them
- How does an independent producer get a scripted television series considered
- Network vs. Cable – Who is making original content
- MOWs vs. Mini Series vs. TV series
- What are the world markets for TV series

12:15 pm Luncheon

1:15 pm **Latest Developments on Emerging Digital Distribution Platforms**

- TV programs and films on demand - successful applications
- Impact of 3D on production and distributions of independent films
- New technologies utilizing hand held devices
- Business models utilized
- Digital theatres
- Downloads to computers-Comparing the different models
- Film financing opportunities utilizing digital distribution
- New technologies that will affect the industry

2:15 pm **Case Study in Financing an Independent Feature Film - Taking a Single Film Through Rights, Finance and Distribution**

- "Soul Surfer" and "Golf In The Kingdom"
- Securing project rights
- Putting together an effective team
- Utilizing a talent agency to package a film
- Creating an effective package or business plan
- Strategies for attaching talent
- Structuring funding to finance a film
- What is the distribution and marketing plan
- Other revenue sources utilized- what are they worth
- How do producers and above the line get paid
- How are international markets exploited
- How are monies collected for films

3:30 pm Summary & Q&A

3:45 pm Conference Ends

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- The role of banks and specialized finance companies in providing financing for film production
- How talent agencies can help package films for financing and distribution
- Ways to generate financial support for films utilizing brand integration and product placement
- Understand how sales agents and distributors can generate the domestic and foreign distribution you need to make your film a success
- Understand how to utilize new digital platforms for distributing media content into the home and onto hand held devices
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