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**HUNTER HALL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LIMITED  
NAMED AS SYDNEY FILM FESTIVAL PRINCIPAL SPONSOR**

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Hunter Hall Investment Management Limited, Australia's largest ethical investment manager is to become the Principal Sponsor of the Sydney Film Festival in a deal worth nearly two million dollars over a multi year contract.

The partnership was announced on Friday 21 April 2006 by Jacqui Feeney, President of the Sydney Film Festival and Peter Hall, Executive Chairman of Hunter Hall Investment Management.

Jacqui Feeney, President of the Sydney Film Festival said:

"We are delighted to have such a highly regarded ethical investment company on board as our Principal Sponsor. Hunter Hall will bring an unprecedented level of support to the Festival and they are committed, as much as we are, to realising the Festival's ambitions to broaden the scope of the Festival and make it into the key international event it deserves to be"

"In the spirit of true partnership, we greatly welcome the involvement of Hunter Hall – a company defined by strong values and an outstanding track record in funds management – making them highly regarded in Sydney and throughout the world. This is a major coup for the Sydney Film Festival"

Hunter Hall is Australia's leading ethical fund management company with over \$1.7 billion in funds under management and offices in Sydney and London. Hunter Hall has built one of Australia's best performance track records based on careful selection of undervalued stocks. Hunter Hall's flagship fund, the Value Growth Trust, has achieved a compound annual return of 19.8% since inception in May 1994.

As part of its ethical charter Hunter Hall International Limited donates 5% of pre-tax profits to charity each year and since listing in 2001 has donated over \$2m to the arts, humanitarian and conservation projects.

Peter Hall, Executive Chairman of Hunter Hall Investment Management said:

"Hunter Hall is delighted to strengthen its support of the arts in Sydney through its sponsorship of the Sydney Film Festival. Film is an extremely powerful and vibrant art form and it is fantastic to be part of this event that showcases the best of the world's cinema to Sydney audiences.

“The Sydney Film Festival should be one of the world’s top film festivals because the city and our part of the world have a strong film culture and brilliantly talented performers and filmmakers.”

“We see our sponsorship as a long term strategic partnership and are honoured to be part of a team that will build the Festival towards its full potential.”

Celebrating its 53rd year, the Sydney Film Festival will showcase the world’s best feature films, documentary, short fiction, short animation and more at its major annual event which runs from June 9 – June 25 2006. The Festival’s full program of activities will be launched in mid-May.

The other major partners of the 53rd Sydney Film Festival are: The City of Sydney, Stella Artois, Swissôtel Sydney, Ticketmaster, The Sydney Morning Herald, Australian Film Commission, NSW Film & Television Office and the NSW Government.

Sydney Film Festival has revealed that this year’s event will open with a gala screening of Australian film *Ten Canoes*, a film by Rolf de Heer and the people of Ramingining. The film’s international status has already begun to flourish with its inclusion in Un Certain Regard at this year’s Cannes Film Festival.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Hall', written in a cursive style.

Peter Hall  
**Executive Chairman**

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