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FIVE ARRESTED IN RAID ON CLANDESTINE FACTORY BY MALAYSIAN AUTHORITIES

MDTCC Operation Also Results In Seizure Of Two Replicating Lines

Hong Kong / Kuala Lumpur - Acting on a tip-off, 11 enforcement officers from the Ministry of Domestic Trade and Co-operatives And Consumerism (MDTCC), with support from Malaysian Federation Against Copyright Theft (MFACT), representing the Motion Picture Association (MPA) in Malaysia, raided a clandestine factory on March 2 in Kampong Baru Sungai Buloh located in the industrial area of Selangor.

The raiding party found five men operating the production lines at the time they entered the factory premises. Two DVD replicating lines and over 5,000 copies of pirated DVD movies were seized, among them were MPA member company titles "Case 39", "Ninja Assassin" and "Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel".

All five men have been arrested and are currently in remand for further investigations.

"Today's successful raid and seizure of unlicensed equipment is the continuation of the Ministry's efforts in addressing source piracy in Malaysia, with an emphasis on addressing the proliferation of illegal replicating operations of pirated optical discs," said Mohd. Roslan bin Mahayudin, Director-General of MDTCC's Enforcement Department. "We are happy with the results and hope that information on such operations, which resulted in this successful raid, will continue to flow. This is a clear signal to the pirates that we will not waver in our efforts to shut them down."

"We are very happy to hear that the MDTCC is steadfast in its resolve to root out the nefarious elements responsible for source piracy in Malaysia," said Mike Ellis, President and Managing Director, Asia-Pacific for the MPA. "We will continue to work closely with the MDTCC to protect the creative industries and shut down more such criminal activity."

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About the MPA: *The Motion Picture Association (MPA) and Motion Picture Association International (MPA-I) represent the interests of major motion picture companies in the global marketplace. As part of this, it investigates and reports on activities infringing its member companies' intellectual property rights, assists with the resulting criminal and civil litigation to protect their copyrights, and conducts education outreach programs to teach movie fans around the world about the harmful effects of piracy. These activities have helped to transform entire markets from pirate to legitimate, benefiting video distributors, retailers, and foreign and local filmmakers alike.*

The organization's worldwide content protection operations are directed from its headquarters in Los Angeles, California and overseen at the regional and local market levels by teams located in Brussels (Europe, Middle East and Africa), São Paulo (Latin America), Montreal (Canada) and Singapore (Asia Pacific). Its member

companies include: Paramount Pictures Corporation; Sony Pictures Entertainment Inc.; Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation; Universal City Studios LLLP; Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures; and Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc. For more information about the MPA, please visit www.mpa-i.org.

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