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## **MALAYSIAN COURT RULES AGAINST OPTICAL DISC PLANT**

### ***Court Holds ODVD Manufacturer Sdn Bhd Liable for Copyright Infringement and Awards Aggravated Damages to MPA Member Studio***

Kuala Lumpur/ Hong Kong - The Motion Picture Association (MPA) today announced that one of its member companies, Columbia Pictures Industries, Inc, has successfully concluded its litigation against ODVD Manufacturer Sdn Bhd (ODVD), an optical disc manufacturer, in a case involving pirated copies of the plaintiff's film "Stuart Little 2".

The Kuala Lumpur High Court ruled that ODVD had infringed copyright by making illegal copies of the film without authorization and directed ODVD to pay aggravated damages. The Court also awarded Columbia Pictures Industries, Inc's costs to be taxed and general damages to be assessed.

The action was initiated following a September 4, 2002 raid by the Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs (MDTCA) on the ODVD factory in Batu Caves, Selangor, which resulted in a seizure of discs bearing pirated copies of the studio's film.

"We always believed that our rights would be upheld and this is a small but important victory in our ongoing fight against copyright infringement worldwide" said Mike Ellis, President and Managing Director, MPA Asia Pacific. "We will continue our pursuit against optical disc replicators in this region who seek to infringe the rights of our members."

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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 anti-piracy 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; The Walt Disney Studios; and Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc. For more information about the MPA, please visit [www.mpa-i.org](http://www.mpa-i.org).*

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