



# Sahara One Motion Pictures to produce Hollywood multi-starrer 'Tree of Life'

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Sahara One Motion Pictures, the biggest player in the business, is extending its activities into mainstream Hollywood. The company has closed a participation in Producer Donald Rosenfeld's forthcoming multi-starrer movie project, *Tree of Life*, which will be directed by Terrence Malick.

*"Tree of Life"* would feature Colin Farrel and two other major Hollywood stars in the lead roles. Terrence Malick will also script the film and Emmanuel Lubezki is the proposed director of photography.

**Shantonu Aditya, CEO, Sahara One**, said, "Our association with *Tree of Life* marks the entry of Sahara One Motion Pictures into mainstream Hollywood, and we are delighted to be associated with Producer Donald Rosenfeld and Director Terrence Malick on this multi-starrer. Percept Picture Company will be the executive producer of this prestigious project."

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**Aditya** said, "Apart from superstar Collin Farrel, *Tree of Life* will feature two more top Hollywood stars. Pre-production of the film is slated to commence in January 2006, and the release is expected some time in 2008."

Sahara One Motion Pictures will part-finance the film, around 30% of which will be shot in India. Percept Picture Company will be the executive producer of the prestigious project.

*Tree of Life* stars **Colin Farrel**, perhaps the hottest young Hollywood star today. Farrel, who has worked with legendary directors such as Steven Spielberg in *Minority Report* (2002), was also seen in a memorable lead role in the film *Phone Booth* (2002). He also co-starred with Bruce Willis in *Hart's War* (2001).

*Tree of Life* will be directed by Terrence Mallik, whose new film to be out in November 2005 is "The New World" -- a new interpretation of the Ponchantas/John Smith story, which stars Colin Farrel. Mallik has several movies to his credit, including *Bad Lands*, *Days of Heaven* and *The Thin Red Line*. He has won 4 Oscars for his movies.

*Tree of Life* Producer Donald Rosenfeld has had a successful and distinguished career in Motion Pictures. From 1987-1998 Rosenfeld ran Merchant Ivory Productions where he produced two films a year, including *Mr. & Mrs. Bridge*, *Ballad of the Sad Café*, *Howards End* (which received 8 Oscar nominations), *Remains of the Day* (9 Oscar nominations). Other films include *In Custody*, *Jefferson In Paris*, *Feast of July*, *Surviving Picasso*, etc.

#### **About Sahara One Motion Pictures**

Sahara-One Motion Pictures, India's biggest motion pictures studio, is driven by the desire to delight audiences with quality content and to change and shape the cinematic future of India. Sahara-One Motion Pictures is India's largest studio, producing quality movies, undertaking distribution and marketing, and acquiring and promoting content that it believes will be loved by the masses.

Some of the most respected banners of Indian Cinema associated with Sahara-One Motion Pictures are Ram Gopal Varma's Varma Corp, K Sera Sera, BSK Films, Nitin Manmohan's Fourth Wall Productions, and Percept Picture Company, amongst others. Some of Sahara-One Motion Pictures' recent successes include the critically acclaimed *Ab Tak Chappan*, *Bose – The Forgotten Hero*, the internationally successful *Bewafaa*, Bollywood's first commercial success of 2005, *Page 3*, *Sarkaar*, and the latest hit of the year, *No Entry*.

Sahara-One Motion Pictures is a part of the umbrella brand Sahara One, whose other businesses include the popular General Entertainment C&S Channel Sahara One Television. It is also poised to launch another channel, *Filmy*, in the near future.

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