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YARI FILM GROUP TO UNLEASH “KILLING PABLO”

**Javier Bardem and Christian Bale to star in tale of legendary drug lord
Joe Carnahan directs**

Los Angeles, CA (October 1, 2007): The Yari Film Group (YFG) announced today that the long-gestating tale of the late Pablo Escobar will finally come to theaters as YFG fast-tracks “Killing Pablo,” based on the 2001 best-selling book “Killing Pablo: The Hunt For the World’s Greatest Outlaw,” by journalist Mark Bowden.

Slated to play Escobar is star Javier Bardem (“Before Night Falls”). Christian Bale, presently top-lining the new “Batman” franchise is in talks to play Major Steve Jacoby, the Delta Force commander who led the hunt for Escobar. There have been discussions with Benicio Del Toro to play the role of Colonel Hugo Martinez, the leading Colombian figure in the search for Escobar.

Directing and adapting Bowden’s book is action maestro Joe Carnahan (“Narc,” “Smoking Aces,” and the upcoming “White Jazz”). YFG CEO Bob Yari, Mark Gordon, and Jason Zelin produce.

From his rise as a drug cartel leader in Medellin, Colombia in the 1970s, to his death in a bloody shootout in Medellin in 1993, the legend of Escobar - noted by Forbes magazine as the world’s seventh richest man in 1989 - has captivated millions the world over. After years of ruthlessly terrorizing Colombian police and political leaders and even ordering the downing of a commercial airliner, Escobar was targeted in 1992 by the Medellin Search Bloc, a coalition of Colombian police and military, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, and the Central Intelligence Agency; which was instrumental in the controversial decision to dispatch Delta Force commandos to Medellin.

“This has been a passion project of mine for years and it will be a tent pole for our company,” said Yari. “I have been patient to get this done because I wanted the ideal director and cast. It was worth the wait and now the life of Pablo Escobar and one of the largest manhunts ever mounted will be realized to its full cinematic potential.”

YFG production chief Brad Jenkel will be overseeing the project. David Glasser, president of the company’s sales arm, Syndicate Films, will be handling international sales.

About The Yari Film Group:

Founded in 2002, The Yari Film Group has established itself as one of the most successful independent film companies in Hollywood, with over 30 films produced over the last three years. Casting top-tier talent in compelling projects with consumer appeal, the company is dedicated to ensuring creative freedom for its filmmakers. YFG is about to go into production with the drama “Nothing But The Truth” written and directed by Rod Lurie with Kate Beckinsale, Matt Dillon, Alan Alda and Vera Farmiga as well as “The Lonely Maiden,” a comedy directed by Peter Hewitt and written by Mike LeSieur starring Morgan Freeman, Christopher Walken and William H. Macy. The company’s credits include Oscar 2005 Best Picture Winner “Crash,” “Dave Chappelle’s Block Party,” The Pierce Brosnan-starrer “The Matador,” “Thumbsucker,” “Hostage”, “Love Song for Bobby Long,” “Prime” starring Meryl Streep and Uma Thurman, “The Hoax” starring Richard Gere and “The Painted Veil,” starring Edward Norton and Naomi Watts.

In its new releasing venture, Yari Film Group has released The Illusionist, starring Edward Norton, Paul Giamatti and Jessica Biel and “Resurrecting the Champ,” starring Samuel Jackson, Josh Hartnett, Kathryn Morris, Teri Hatcher and Alan Alda. Upcoming releases and “The Accidental Husband,” a romantic comedy starring Uma Thurman, Colin Firth and Jeffrey Dean Morgan as well as “The Sophomore”.