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Principal Photography Begins on Horror Thriller **STEVE BACIC, LUKE PERRY AND LAUREN HOLLY STAR** **IN BRIGHTLIGHT PICTURES’** **“THE STORM”**

VANCOUVER, November 26, 2008 – Principal photography has begun on **THE STORM**, a horror thriller starring Steve Bacic (*Andromeda, The Guard*), Lauren Holly (*Navy NCIS, Picket Fences, Dumb and Dumber*) and Luke Perry (*The Fifth Element, Jeremiah, Beverly Hills 90210*). Directed by Uwe Boll from a screenplay by Tim McGregor, the Brightlight Pictures production is produced by Shawn Williamson and Dan Clarke, with Andreas Olavarria executive producer.

A stranger named Silas (LUKE PERRY) emerges from a devastating storm seeking refuge with Tom (STEVE BACIC) and Gillian (LAUREN HOLLY) on their farm. As they struggle to deal with the upheaval and disaster left in the wake of the storm, Silas may be the only one who can help Tom, Gillian and their young son survive. But as the family comes to terms with what they have lost in the storm, they are threatened by a danger that could prove even more catastrophic than the forces of nature.

“**THE STORM** is action-packed, suspenseful, and scary,” says producer Shawn Williamson. “We’re glad to have Uwe at the helm and we are very excited about this cast: the Silas role is an interesting departure for Luke and Lauren is a sensational Gillian. I’m also very happy to be working with Steve again,” he said, referring to his and Bacic’s joint efforts on *The Guard*, which recently wrapped shooting its second season for Global.

Brightlight Pictures has collaborated with Uwe Boll on a dozen movies and the slate includes the box office-success *House of the Dead; Alone in the Dark*, starring Christian Slater; *Postal; Seed; BloodRayne* and its sequel; *Tunnel Rats; Far Cry*; and *In the Name of the King: A Dungeon Siege Tale*, starring Jason Statham.

THE STORM films in and around Vancouver, BC until mid-December. E1 will distribute theatrically in Canada. Event Film is handling international sales.

About Brightlight Pictures

Brightlight Pictures develops, finances and produces independent feature films and television projects for the domestic and international marketplace. Company principals Stephen Hegyes and Shawn Williamson have produced over 70 productions in the last 10 years and over 30 productions since the launch of the company in 2001. *White Noise*, starring Michael Keaton, has grossed more than \$100 million since it opened in January 2005. Recent BLP productions include *Fifty Dead Men Walking*, filmed on location in Northern Ireland and starring Jim Sturgess and Ben Kingsley; *White Noise 2: The Light*; *American Venus*, starring Rebecca DeMornay; and *They Wait*, starring Jaime King. BLP

is also a leading service producer and is currently line producing *Frankie and Alice*, starring Halle Berry and Stellan Skarsgard, for Access Motion Pictures. For Nu Image/Millennium Films and Emmett Furla Films, BLP line-produced *88 Minutes*, starring Al Pacino, and *Wicker Man*, starring Nicolas Cage. BLP also line produced the upcoming *Possession*, starring Sarah Michelle Gellar; and *Passengers*, starring Anne Hathaway; as well as the Fox 21 series *Saved*. The company is currently completing post-production on the second season of the hit Global TV series, *The Guard*, and *Stormworld*, a sci-fi series filming in Australia. More information about Brightlight Pictures can be found at www.brightlightpictures.com.

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