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**CONSTANTIN FILM TO BRING CAPCOM'S BLOCKBUSTER RESIDENT EVIL®  
SERIES TO A FEATURE FILM IN: *RESIDENT EVIL: GROUND ZERO***

**— HORROR-ACTION THRILLER STARS MILLA JOVOVICH AND  
MICHELLE RODRIGUEZ, PRODUCED BY BERND EICHINGER,  
SAMUEL HADIDA, JEREMY BOLT AND PAUL W. S. ANDERSON  
AND DIRECTED BY PAUL W. S. ANDERSON —**

E<sup>3</sup>, LOS ANGELES — May 17, 2001 — Capcom®, a leading worldwide developer and publisher of video games, today announced details on **Resident Evil: Ground Zero** (working title) a full feature motion picture based on the blockbuster *Resident Evil* series of products. Now marking its fifth anniversary, the entire *Resident Evil* series created by Capcom Executive Producer, Shinji Mikami, has sold more than 18 million units worldwide making the franchise worth more than \$600 million. Backed by Constantin Film and Impact Pictures, **Resident Evil: Ground Zero** is scheduled for a North American theatrical premiere in early 2002.

**Resident Evil: Ground Zero** is written, produced and directed by Paul W. S. Anderson (Event Horizon, Mortal Kombat). The horror-action thriller stars Milla Jovovich (The Fifth Element, The Messenger: The Story of Joan of Arc), Michelle Rodriguez (Girlfight), Eric Mabius (Cruel Intentions), James Purefoy (A Knight's Tale) and German actress, Heike Makatsch. The movie is a Constantin Film production in cooperation with Davis Film, New Legacy and Impact Pictures, produced by Bernd Eichinger of Constantin Film, Samuel Hadida of Davis Film, and Jeremy Bolt and Paul W. S. Anderson of Impact Pictures Ltd. Intermedia (the company behind Harrison Ford's K:19) handles international sales. Robert Kulzer, of Constantin Film, Victor Hadida of Davis Film and Daniel Kletzky, president of Entertainment Licensing Associates, serve as executive producers. In addition to the film, a line of complimentary fan and collector-based merchandise will be released throughout the world, as well as a soundtrack.

Production began shooting on March 5, on location in and around Berlin and on stage at Studio Berlin. The movie is an all-new story inspired by the *Resident Evil* franchise. In **Resident Evil: Ground Zero**, Alice (Milla Jovovich) and Rain (Michelle Rodriguez) lead a crack team of commandos into "The Hive," a vast underground genetic research facility, where a deadly viral outbreak occurred just hours earlier. The virus wiped out the entire research staff and brought them back as ravenous undead. Alice has only three hours to trap the virus inside the complex or the undead are threatening to overrun the earth. To their horror the team realizes that the undead humans are not the only thing roaming the compound ...something even more insidious seems to be going on there.

Constantin Film is the leading production and distribution house in Germany for more than 20 years. Helmed by producer Bernd Eichinger, the company's credits include international productions such as The Neverending Story, The Name of the Rose, The House of the Spirits, and Smilla's Sense of Snow. Impact Pictures is a leading UK production company. Founded by Jeremy Bolt and Paul Anderson in 1992, their films include Shopping (starring Jude Law), Mortal Kombat (which grossed \$150 million worldwide), Event Horizon, and There's Only One Jimmy Grimble.

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The development of **Resident Evil: Ground Zero** is also supported by: Director of Photography, David Johnson (Othello, Hillary and Jackie); Production Design, Richard Bridgland (Richard III – Academy Award nomination) and Visual Effects, Richard Yuricich (Mission Impossible 2).

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