

STUDIOCANAL CLOSES MAJOR TV DRAMA PACKAGE DEAL WITH TELEFONICA SPAIN

London, July 5, 2016 – **SECTION ZERO, THE FIVE**, and **SPOTLESS** are heading to Spain, as Telefonica, one of the world's leading broadband and telecommunications providers, picks up Pay TV and SVOD rights from STUDIOCANAL. In addition, Telefonica has renewed their licensing deal for **THE PILLARS OF THE EARTH**.

"At Movistar +, we are delighted to add these great STUDIOCANAL titles to our series portfolio. We believe that they represent the current strength and originality of European productions, and also boast great creative talent on both sides of the camera like Olivier Marchal, Harlan Coben, Brendan Coyle, and Denis Ménochet," says Miguel Salvat, Head of Premium Content Movistar +, Telefonica. "We are sure that our clients will enjoy these high quality dramas as much as many viewers around the world."

"**SECTION ZERO, THE FIVE, SPOTLESS** and **THE PILLARS OF THE EARTH** are extraordinary series, with premium production values," says Katrina Neylon, Executive Vice President, Sales and Marketing, STUDIOCANAL. "All have proven their appeal, transcending borders worldwide and we are sure that Spanish viewers will appreciate and enjoy their rare quality."

SECTION ZERO, the eight-part sci-fi thriller series from César-nominated writer and director Olivier Marchal (*Braquo*), is produced by EuropaCorp Television, Bad Company and Umedia. Set in the near future, where multi-national corporations are Europe's new leaders, the CANAL+ Création Originale series stars Ola Rapace (*Skyfall*), Pascal Greggory (*La Vie en Rose*), and Tchéky Karyo (*The Missing*) and has recently sold to Russia's Channel One and SBS in Australia. **SECTION ZERO** will launch on Telefonica, July 6.

Harlan Coben's **THE FIVE**, an original ten-part drama thriller series for television by the nine-time #1 New York Times bestselling author, is produced by RED Production Company (*Happy Valley*). An original commission for the UK's Sky 1, the series stars Tom Cullen (*Downton Abbey*), O-T Fagbenle (*The Interceptor*), Lee Ingleby (*The A Word*), and Sarah Solemani (*The Wrong Mans*). The screenplay is by BAFTA and Emmy Award®-winning writer Danny Brocklehurst and directed by Mark Tonderai. The series has aired on CANAL+, Israel's Yes DBS, the Netherlands' NPO, New Zealand's SKY and will air on Australia's SBS 1 during the 3rd quarter 2016. **THE FIVE** will launch on Telefonica this summer.

Starring Marc-André Grondin (*C.R.A.Z.Y.*), Denis Ménochet (*Inglourious Basterds*), Miranda Raison (*24: Live Another Day*) and Brendan Coyle (*Downton Abbey*), **SPOTLESS**, a CANAL+ Création Originale, is produced by TANDEM Productions (*Crossing Lines*). A

dark, irreverent and edgy one-hour drama series, **SPOTLESS** was co-created by BAFTA Award-winner Ed McCardie (*Shameless*) and Academy Award®-winner Corinne Marrinan. **SPOTLESS** most recently wrapped its run in the U.S. on NBCUniversal Cable's Esquire Network and France's CANAL+. Currently airing on TVA's addikTV in French-speaking Canada, the series has been outperforming the channel average by more than 300%. It has been sold to over 200 territories, including Globosat Brazil, DIRECTV Latin America, SBS Australia and M-Net South Africa. **SPOTLESS** will launch on Telefonica in August.

A superstar cast headlines the Emmy®-winning limited Event series **THE PILLARS OF THE EARTH**, produced by TANDEM Productions. Oscar-winner Eddie Redmayne (*The Danish Girl*), Emmy® and Golden Globe®-winning Donald Sutherland (*The Hunger Games*), Ian McShane (*Hercules*), Rufus Sewell (*The Man in the High Castle*), Hayley Atwell (*Captain America: The Winter Soldier*) and Sam Claflin (*The Hunger Games*), are among the series stars. Adapted from the novel by master storyteller and international New York Times best-selling author Ken Follett, **THE PILLARS OF THE EARTH** has aired in over 160 countries worldwide.

ABOUT MOVISTAR+ (TELEFONICA)

MOVISTAR+ is the leading provider of audiovisual entertainment in Spain. A Telefonica company, it offers viewers the very best premium content in Sports, Movies, Series and Entertainment. It has also recently added the new channel # 0, which delivers quality television to more than 3.7 million subscriber households and is the best way to explore the wide range of content offered by MOVISTAR+. MOVISTAR+ continues to add top quality channels and to expand its broad catalog of content – all available on demand, allowing customers to enjoy TV on all devices, wherever and whenever they want. MOVISTAR+ is at the forefront of technology with 3D broadcasts, 4K and VR.

ABOUT STUDIOCANAL

STUDIOCANAL is Europe's leader in production, rights acquisition, distribution and international sales of feature films and TV series.

STUDIOCANAL operates directly in all three major European markets, France, the United Kingdom and Germany, as well as in Australia and New Zealand.

STUDIOCANAL has fully-financed recent box office hits like *Paddington*, *Shaun the Sheep* and *Non-Stop*. Upcoming films backed by STUDIOCANAL include *The Commuter* featuring Liam Neeson, and Nick Park's stop-motion movie *Early Man*, with Aardman Studios.

STUDIOCANAL is actively developing and distributing high-end TV series through its network of award-winning subsidiary production companies including Tandem Productions in Germany (*Crossing Lines*, *Spotless*) and the UK's RED Production Company (*The Five*, *Happy Valley*).

STUDIOCANAL is partnered with SAM Productions, a Danish company founded by Søren Sveistrup (*The Killing*), Adam Price (*Borgen*), and Meta Louise Foldager (*A Royal Affair*). The UK based GUILTY PARTY PICTURES, an associate partner of STUDIOCANAL, is run by the producer Spencer Millman, (*Harry Hill's TV Burp*), and the actors and writers Simon

Bird (*The Inbetweeners*) and Jonny Sweet (*Chickens*). FINAL TWIST is an independent production company launched by the international bestselling author Harlan Coben in partnership with RED's Nicola Shindler.

Most recently, STUDIOCANAL announced investments in Benedict Cumberbatch's UK production company, SUNNYMARCH TV, the Madrid-based BAMBÚ PRODUCCIONES (*Grand Hotel, Velvet*), and the UK's URBAN MYTH FILMS, founded by Johnny Capps and Julian Murphy (*Merlin*) and Howard Overman (*Misfits*).

Additionally, STUDIOCANAL owns one of the most important film libraries in the world, with more than 5,000 international titles.

STUDIOCANAL's parent company, CANAL+ Group, is fully-owned by Vivendi, a global media and content production and distribution group.

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Series images are available for download via the following link:

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