



UTV Motion Pictures bags 3 of the 5 India nominations at the Asia Pacific Screen Awards

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Mumbai, 26 October 2009: After garnering accolades for their movies at Award Functions and Film festivals across the world, UTV's films *A Wednesday!*, *Dev.D* and *Mumbai Meri Jaan* have earned the merit of being three of the five Indian films to be nominated at the 2009 Asia Pacific Screen Awards, among other films across 16 nations, in all.

India has received three nominations at the coveted awards this year with Anurag Kashyap being nominated for the 'ACHIEVEMENT IN DIRECTION' category for *Dev.D*, Yogesh Vinayak Joshi and Upendra Sidhaye for the 'BEST SCREENPLAY' (*Mumbai Meri Jaan*) and Naseeruddin Shah for 'BEST PERFORMANCE BY ACTOR' (*A Wednesday!*).

Commenting on the occasion **Vikas Bahl, Chief Creative Officer, UTV Motion Pictures** said, "Great stories break the language barrier and bring cultures together. At UTV to identify such stories and bring them alive is our passion and I am glad its reaping results. We need to constantly push the creative benchmarks and find our footing on the world platform and this is just the beginning."

APSA is a unique collaboration between CNN International, UNESCO and FIAPF-International Federation of Film Producers Associations wherein films are judged on cinematic excellence and the way in which they attest to their cultural origins. Winners of the region's highest accolade in film will be announced by the international jury on November 26 at the third annual APSA Ceremony on Australia's Gold Coast.

The Asia Pacific Screen Awards has announced nominees in nine award categories from across various countries like Australia, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Palestinian Territories, People's Republic of China (Mainland China/Hong Kong), Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Turkey.

Many of UTV Motion Pictures' critically and commercially successful titles have won accolades at various Award functions. At the 54th Idea Filmfare Awards, UTV Motion Pictures won an unprecedented 14 awards across its movies - *Jodhaa Akbar*, *Oye Lucky! Lucky Oye!*, *Mumbai Meri Jaan* and *Fashion*, for top honors like Best Actor, Best Film, Best Director, Best Lyrics and Best Background Score. *Jodhaa Akbar* bagged 11 awards out of 13 nominations at the IIFA Awards 2009, with UTV Motion Pictures winning a total of 18 for the aforementioned film, *A Wednesday!* and *Oye Lucky! Lucky Oye!*. At the in Nokia 15th Annual Star Screen Awards 2008, UTV Motion Pictures swept 47 Nominations for their home productions.

Internationally, UTV Motion Pictures' films have also travelled the festival circuit, with movies like *Delh-6*, *Jodhaa Akbar*, *A Wednesday!*, *Welcome to Sajjanpur*, *Oye Lucky! Lucky Oye!*, *Mumbai Meri Jaan* and *Fashion* having been screened at many prestigious Film Festivals such as the Taormina Film Festival, Shanghai International Film Festival, South Asian Film Festival, Moscow International Film festival, the Puchon International Fantastic Film Festival (PIFFF), Indo-American Arts Council's 9th Annual MIAAC Film Festival and at the Museum of Modern Arts.

About UMP Plc:



Established in 1995, as a division within UTV Software Communications, UMP Plc has arrangements with a number of major Hollywood studios including Walt Disney, Fox Searchlight and Will Smith's company Overbrook Entertainment. Listed on the London AIM market, UMP Plc has played an active role in pioneering the studio model to the Indian film industry, where it is able to leverage script development, budget and time management and international distribution.

UMP Plc has emerged as a strong player in Indian and International cinema with the success of movies like 'Rang De Basanti', 'Khosla Ka Ghosla', 'The Namesake' 'Jodhaa Akbar', 'A Wednesday' & 'I Think I Love My Wife'. UMP Plc has co-produced movies like Ashutosh Gowariker's 'Jodhaa-Akbar', which is the biggest blockbuster of 2008 and M. Night Shyamalan's 'The Happening' which is amongst the top grosser in Hollywood. UMP Plc has also distributed movies like Aamir Khan's directorial debut 'Taare Zameen Par, & his production Jane Tu Ya Jane Na in the international markets. With an aggressive slate of over 15 movies for the year 2009 which comprises of hits such as Kaminey and Wake Up Sid, some of its forthcoming movies are David Dhawan's Hook Ya Crook, Tigmanshu Dhulia's Paan Singh Tomar and many more

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