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VIVENDI ENTERTAINMENT ACQUIRES U.S. RIGHTS TO TENNESSEE

Film set for theatrical release in December 2008

Universal City, CA, September 11, 2008 – Vivendi Entertainment has acquired all U.S. distribution rights to Lee Daniels Entertainment's latest film, *Tennessee*, it was announced today by Tom O'Malley, President of Vivendi Entertainment. The rights include theatrical, DVD, television, and digital distribution.

Directed by Aaron Woodley (*Rhinoceros Eyes*) and written by Russell Schaumburg, the film was produced by Lee Daniels, President and CEO of Lee Daniels Entertainment (*Monster's Ball*, *Shadowboxer*, *The Woodsman*), in association with Smokewood Entertainment's Sarah Siegel-Magness and Gary Magness. The film stars Adam Rothenberg (*Mad Money*), Ethan Peck (*Adopt a Sailor*) and Mariah Carey.

Tennessee follows two brothers, Carter (Rothenberg) and Ellis (Peck), as they embark on a journey to their hometown in search of their estranged father. Along the way they meet Krystal (Carey), an aspiring singer who flees her abusive husband (Lance Reddick) to join them on their fateful road trip.

In the film Carey performs the original ballad *Right to Dream* which she co-wrote with Willie Nelson.

"Lee's passion for compelling and unique storytelling is renowned and we have a high regard for him as an artist and creative executive," stated O'Malley. "We are excited about working on his latest film and being a part of the next step in his successful career.

"I am thrilled that *Tennessee* has found a home at Vivendi Entertainment. Tom O'Malley has been a longtime supporter of LDE projects. I know he will bring energy and creativity to the film and make it a great success," commented Daniels

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The deal was brokered by Yolanda Macias on behalf of Vivendi Entertainment, Jonathan Gray of Gary Krauss LLP, and Submarine, co-repping the film with CAA.

About Vivendi Entertainment

Vivendi Entertainment is a full service domestic distribution company. Representing a vast range of genres including action, comedy, thriller, urban, family, fitness and stand-up comedies among others, Vivendi has been a favorite choice of independent content providers. Vivendi has built an extensive catalog of over 1,000 titles and its customer-centric business model was founded on the principles of collaboration and financial transparency. Vivendi Entertainment will release the director David Zucker's comedy *An American Carol* on October 3, 2008 and the highly anticipated anthology *New York, I Love You* in the Spring of 2009.

ABOUT LEE DANIELS ENTERTAINMENT

Lee Daniels Entertainment develops, finances, and produces bold and unconventional films. Past projects include *Monster's Ball*, *The Woodsman*, *Shadowboxer* and the upcoming *Push*.

ABOUT SMOKEWOOD ENTERTAINMENT

Smokewood Entertainment specializes in financing and the development of quality independent video, television and theatrical releases. The principals of Smokewood Entertainment are Sarah Siegel-Magness and Gary Magness.

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