

**PRODUCTION BEGINS ON THE DANIEL ESPINOSA-DIRECTED 'LIFE'
STARRING JAKE GYLLENHAAL, REBECCA FERGUSON AND RYAN
REYNOLDS**

Shepperton Studios, London, UK – July 19, 2016 – Principal photography has begun on Skydance and Sony Pictures' original feature film **LIFE**. Directed by Daniel Espinosa, the film stars Jake Gyllenhaal ('Nightcrawler'), Rebecca Ferguson ('Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation') and Ryan Reynolds ('Deadpool'), with Olga Dihovichnaya, Hiroyuki Sanada and Ariyon Bakare making up the other crew members aboard the International Space Station. The screenplay is written by 'Deadpool' duo Paul Wernick & Rhett Reese. Skydance's David Ellison and Dana Goldberg along with Bonnie Curtis and Julie Lynn produce the film, which is scheduled for worldwide release on March 24, 2017.

LIFE tells the story of the six-member crew of the International Space Station who are tasked with studying a sample from Mars that may be the first proof of extraterrestrial life. And that life proves more intelligent than ever expected.

Swedish born film director Espinosa's breakout picture was 'Snabba Cash', which Martin Scorsese introduced to the American audience, followed by English language directing credits that include 'Safe House', with Ryan Reynolds alongside Denzel Washington, and 'Child 44' with Tom Hardy and Gary Oldman.

"It is both humbling and a dream come true for me to have the opportunity to delve into a genre that so many of my cinematic heroes have mastered," said Espinosa. "Additionally, working with these brave actors to unveil their characters through such visceral cinema is what drives me to make movies."

"We are so excited to bring visionary director, Daniel Espinosa, together with such an amazing cast from around the globe to immerse audiences into an intensely thrilling new world in LIFE," said David Ellison.

Sanford Panitch, President of Columbia Pictures, added, "One of the many reasons why Skydance is such a great studio partner for us is they have excellent instincts of what it means to make a global film: the scale of science fiction, action and the wide appeal of Jake, Ryan and Rebecca, along with the international cast, all speak to that."

The design team behind the film includes Academy Award®-nominated Director of Photography Seamus McGarvey ('Atonement' and 'The Avengers') and Academy Award®-winning Costume Designer Jenny Beaven ('Mad Max: Fury Road').

About Skydance Media

Skydance is a diversified media company founded by David Ellison in 2010 to create elevated, event-level entertainment for global audiences. The Company brings to life stories of immersive worlds across platforms, including feature film, television and interactive. Among Skydance Media's commercially and critically successful feature films are *Mission: Impossible – Rogue Nation*, *Terminator Genisys*, *World War Z*, *Jack Reacher*, *G.I. Joe: Retaliation*, *Mission: Impossible – Ghost Protocol*, *Star Trek Into Darkness* and *True Grit*. Its 2015 feature films, *Mission: Impossible –*

Rogue Nation and *Terminator Genisys*, together grossed over \$1 billion at the worldwide box office. Skydance's feature film slate includes *Star Trek Beyond* on July 22, 2016, *Jack Reacher: Never Go Back* on October 21, 2016, *Life* on March 24, 2017 and *Geostorm* on October 20, 2017. Skydance Media's rapidly growing and critically acclaimed television division launched in 2013. The Company's television slate now features a variety of projects across a number of networks, including Emmy-nominated *Grace and Frankie* and *Altered Carbon* on Netflix, *Red Mars* on Spike TV, *Jack Ryan* on Amazon and *Condor* on DirecTV. In 2016, Skydance acquired leading game developer The Workshop Entertainment and formed Skydance Interactive, a new division that creates and publishes virtual reality experiences.

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