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### **AFRIKAANS CAST ANNOUNCED FOR KHUMBA**

In an exciting first for South Africa, 'Khumba', the South Africa film about a half-striped zebra who is blamed for the drought by his superstitious herd and forced to go in search of a magic waterhole, will be released in Afrikaans in cinemas when it opens on 25 October 2013.

The film tells the story of Khumba, a zebra who has only half his stripes. When he is blamed for the lack of rain by the rest of his superstitious herd, he embarks on a brave quest. In his search for the legendary waterhole where the first zebras got their stripes, Khumba meets a quirky range of characters and teams up with an unlikely duo: Mama V, an overprotective wildebeest, and Bradley, a self-obsessed, flamboyant ostrich. But before he can reunite with his herd, Khumba has to come face to face with Phango, a sadistic leopard who controls the waterholes and terrorises all the animals in the Great Karoo.

The Afrikaans version features the voices of several well-known Afrikaans actors who will be familiar to local audiences. The voice over artists are directed by radio and television personality Bettie Kemp, who is an experienced voice artist, news reader and continuity announcer.

Popular young actor and comedian Hannes Brümmer provides the voice for Khumba, with actress Rika Sennet as his mother. Veteran voice artist and actor Francois Stemmet is the voice for the evil Phango. Stemmet is known for voicing numerous children's television programmes, including the role of Sarel die Seemonster in 'Wielie Walie', one of the first ever South African television series. The meerkat dad is voiced by Afrikaans musician and actor Lochner de Kock, while actress and director Rina Nienaber provides the voice for the baby meerkat. Radio personality Derrich Gardner takes on the role of the rabbit. The loony old sheep is voiced by cabaret star and actress Elzabé Zietsman and the three springboks are voiced by Frank Opperman, Frans Swart, and Andre Stolz.

"I'm excited to see it all come together and can imagine that it will bring a whole new layer of humour and authenticity to the film", says Khumba director Anthony Silverston. "I'm also so excited for the Triggerfish crew who worked on the film as many of them will now be able to watch Khumba in their own language!"

'Khumba' is the second animated feature produced by Cape Town-based Triggerfish Animation Studios, following the successful global release of 'Adventures in Zambezia'. The English version of the film features the voices of Liam Neeson, Jake T Austin, AnnaSophia Robb, Laurence Fishburne and Steve Buscemi.

"It's a charming story that is beautifully told," says Helen Kuun, CEO of Indigenous Film Distribution, which is releasing the film locally. "To be able to release a 3D animated film of this quality in Afrikaans is a major achievement for the industry and it's sure to delight audiences."

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