

## **PREMIERE CLOSES FINANCE ON THE JONESES AND THE WARD**

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UK , 29th September: International film financier, Premiere Picture, has just completed co-financing deals with Echo Lake Productions on John Carpenter's psychological thriller, The Ward and the Toronto buzz title, The Joneses, which received its world premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival. Premiere Picture also saw another major co-financed title feature at this year's festival, with Perrier's Bounty also receiving its world premiere in Toronto .

Premiere Picture executives Adam Betteridge and Jason Garrett brokered the financing deals on both titles. Working closely with producer Doug Mankoff of Echo Lake Productions , the co-financing deals were closed today for the smart and affecting comedy, The Joneses, which stars Demi Moore and David Duchovny and is directed by Derrick Borte, as well as for the complex psychological thriller, The Ward, from the father of modern horror, John Carpenter. The Ward stars Amber Heard (also to be seen in The Joneses ) and has just completed principal photography.

Adam Betteridge, Chief Operating Officer for Premiere and Executive Producer on both titles, commented, "we are delighted to be involved in the financing of these outstanding independent films, which we feel have great commercial potential. We were also thrilled to see both The Joneses and Perrier's Bounty being selected for Toronto and the enthusiastic response with which The Joneses was received by audiences and the industry alike."

With these titles international film financier Premiere Picture continues to champion its drive to co-finance high quality, independent films, typically bringing finance of up to 15% of a film's budget, with the last six months seeing US\$25million committed to co-financing of a prominent slate of films including, amongst others, Jonathan English's Ironclad , Pimp starring Billy Boyd and Danny Dyer and Yann Samuell's The Great Ghost Rescue .