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**MAYA ENTERTAINMENT TO PRODUCE**

***THE DARKNESS OF THE ROAD***

**Mia Maestro to Star in Psychological Suspense Thriller**

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**Los Angeles (May 20, 2011)** – Maya Entertainment announced today that it will produce the psychological suspense thriller *The Darkness of the Road*, with Mia Maestro (*The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn parts 1 & 2*, *The Motorcycle Diaries*, *Frida*, *Alias*) attached to star. Maestro will play a young mother whose world turns into a living nightmare when her daughter goes missing soon after picking up a mysterious hitchhiker. Eduardo Rodriguez (*Fear Itself*, *Curandero*) who wrote the screenplay is slated to direct the picture later this fall. Luis Guerrero and Chris Lemos of Vital Pictures will be producing along with Sandra Avila and Moctesuma Esparza, of Maya Entertainment. Maya has worldwide rights to the film which it will distribute domestically. Foreign sales are being handled by Elias Axume, EVP, International Distribution for Maya.

“*The Darkness of the Road* is a really good example of the kind of films we continue to make at Maya utilizing the creative forces within the growing Latino entertainment community,” said Elias Axume, Executive Vice President of International Distribution for Maya.

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Based in Los Angeles, Maya Entertainment Group, Inc. is an independent multi-platform content and distribution company that has established itself as the leader of media product that appeals to the “new mainstream” of American Latino and Multi-cultural audiences. Led by entertainment industry pioneers, Moctesuma Esparza (*Selena*, *Gettysburg*) and Jeff Valdez (Sí TV, QuePasa.com), Maya Entertainment produces, acquires and distributes entertainment programming and has established a library of over 100 titles, which are available at retail, for rental, and on VOD through Time Warner Cable, Comcast, iN DEMAND, and TVN.

Maya’s International Distribution division, headed by Elias Axume, sells rights to its entertainment properties worldwide and has a presence at key markets including Berlin Film Festival/European Film Market, Hong Kong FILMART, Cannes Film Festival, MIP-TV, Toronto International Film Festival, MIPCOM and AFM. Currently, Maya International is selling rights to *La Mission*, starring Benjamin Bratt; *The Jesuit*, starring Michelle Rodriguez and Willem Dafoe; *Café*, starring Jennifer Love Hewitt and Jamie Kennedy; *Without Men* starring Eva Longoria Parker, Christian Slater and Oscar Nunez; *Across the Line*, starring Aidan Quinn and Mario van Peebles; and the action-adventure *Nightcrew*, among others.

Maya’s recent theatrical and home video releases include the Official 2010 Sundance selection *The Dry Land*, starring America Ferrera, Jason Ritter, and Wilmer Valderrama; the action-drama *Across the Line* starring Aidan Quinn, Mario Van Peebles, and Andy Garcia; and *Sins of My Father (Pecados de mi Padre)*, the true story of Pablo Escobar, the infamous boss of Colombia’s Medellin drug cartel, as told through the eyes of his son; and *Sympathy for Delicious*, directed by and starring Mark Ruffalo, Orlando Bloom, Laura Linney and Juliette Lewis; coming soon from Maya is *Without Men*, starring Eva Longoria Parker, Christian Slater and Oscar Nunez.