



## Press Release

### **ANIMUS OFFERS BUYERS EXCLUSIVE INSIGHT INTO THE CELESTINE PROPHECY – THE MOVIE**

**Film based on James Redfield's worldwide best-selling novel also set for theatrical release in Spring 06**

For immediate release:

17<sup>th</sup> March 2006 – Animus Entertainment Group has secured worldwide rights (excluding US, Canada and Puerto Rico) on the soon to be released movie ***The Celestine Prophecy***. These rights, distributed by Animus on behalf of Kingston Properties include Television, Theatrical, DVD, and Licensing & Merchandising

Based on one of the world's best-selling novels by award-winning author James Redfield, ***The Celestine Prophecy*** (99 mins) is a unique spiritual adventure film chronicling the discovery of ancient scrolls in the rainforests of Peru. Imbued with intrigue, and suspense, this thought-provoking story unfolds when John Woodson loses his teaching job and finds his life at a crossroads. Through a mysterious set of coincidences he ends up on an unexpected and sometimes dangerous journey in search of the scrolls whilst finding that every step he takes, each person he encounters leads him to a new understanding.

Produced and created by James Redfield and Oscar winning Barnet Bain (*What Dreams May Come*), the movie is also co-produced by Terri Collis, Beverly J Camhe and directed by Armand Mastroianni (*He Knows You're Alone, The Killing Hour*).

It features an international ensemble cast including Matthew Settle (*U-571, Attraction*), Thomas Kretschmann (*The Pianist, Blade II*), Sarah Wayne Callies (*Prison Break*), Annabeth Gish (*The West Wing*), Jurgen Prochnow (*Da Vinci Code, Das Boot*), Hector Elizondo (*Pretty Woman, Chicago Hope*), Joaquim de Almeida (*Honorary Consul*), and Obba Babatundé (*The Manchurian Candidate*).

Damaris Valero, CEO, Animus said, "***The Celestine Prophecy*** is a real gem, which combines all the key dramatic elements guaranteed to keep viewers glued to their seats, but is also thought provoking on a far deeper level. We are therefore extremely excited to take Celestine out into the world."

Notes to editors:

Since 1994, when Warner Books published *The Celestine Prophecy* in hard cover, it became one of modern publishing's greatest success stories. The novel spent over 3 years in the New York Times bestsellers list and appeared on bestsellers lists around the world.

Animus Entertainment Group (AEG) is a subsidiary of Animus Group, a privately held media group with business interests in media consulting, and production/distribution of content. Headquartered in Miami, AEG was established by CEO Damaris Valero in 2003, and also maintains offices in New York, Los Angeles and Paris.

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