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## **IMAGI ANNOUNCES EXPANDED U.S. CREATIVE TEAM**

***Cecil Kramer Named Executive Vice President of Production  
Maryann Garger and Lynne Southerland Join Imagi as Producers,  
Mark Tarbox as Line Producer***

***Imagi's Next Two Pictures  
"Gatchaman," directed by Kevin Munroe, and "Astro Boy," directed by Colin Brady***

Hong Kong – Francis Kao, Founder, Co-Chief Executive Officer & Chief Creative Officer, and Douglas E. Glen, Co-Chief Executive Officer, have jointly announced key appointments at Imagi Studios.

The appointments, which come on the eve of the worldwide release of Imagi Studios' first major motion picture *TMNT*, further enhance the position of the Hong Kong-headquartered company as a major global animation studio.

Cecil Kramer joins Imagi Studios as Executive Vice President of Production, responsible for developing and producing a slate of high-end CG-animated feature films. In keeping with Imagi's focus on superhero-themed action movies, the next two pictures will be *Gatchaman* and *Astro Boy*, slated for release in 2008 and 2009 respectively.

Concurrently joining Imagi Studios are Maryann Garger and Lynne Southerland as producers, and Mark Tarbox as line producer, all reporting to Kramer, and all based in Sherman Oaks, California.

In making the announcements, Kao said: "*TMNT* marks a new breed of CG animation – big action films for people who love videogames and superheroes. As we expand the capacity of our production pipeline in Hong Kong to make more of these movies, we're expanding our world-class creative team in Los Angeles."

"Starting with the release of *Gatchaman*, we'll be delivering about one movie every eight months," said Glen. "Cecil has the talent, experience, and management skills to guide us through this exciting growth period."

Kramer said: "I'm thrilled and honored to be joining such a dynamic and innovative company. Imagi has raised the bar creatively and technically for action-oriented animation."

With over 20 years of entertainment industry experience, Cecil Kramer most recently produced the animated feature film *Flushed Away*, winner of five Annie Awards. She also served as an executive producer on *Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit*, which won the 2005 Academy Award® for Best Animated Feature Film.

Previously Co-Head of Production for DreamWorks Animation, Kramer was integrally involved in the development and production of animated motion pictures such as *Antz*, *The Prince of Egypt*, *The Road to El Dorado*, *Chicken Run* and the Oscar®-winning *Shrek*.

Maryann Garger was a co-producer on *Flushed Away*. Starting at DreamWorks shortly after it was established in 1994, she worked on such titles as *Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron*, *Madagascar* and *The Prince of Egypt* during her 12 years with the studio.

Lynne Southerland, who co-directed *Mulan 2*, comes from a background in film editing. Her producer credits include the feature film *An Extremely Goofy Movie* and the HBO series *Happily Ever After: Fairy Tales for Every Child*.

Mark Tarbox was the production manager on *Flushed Away*, and in his 10 years at DreamWorks also served as production supervisor on *Shark Tale*, *Sinbad: Legend of the Seven Seas* and *Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron*, among other titles.

Southerland will produce *Gatchaman* with Tarbox serving as line producer. Garger will produce *Astro Boy*.

Kevin Munroe, who wrote and directed *TMNT*, is directing *Gatchaman*. Colin Brady, whose credits include *Everyone's Hero* and *Toy Story 2* (co-director), is the director of *Astro Boy*.

In a related announcement, Paul Wang has been named Executive Vice President of Development. Wang was previously responsible for the company's U.S. production operations. The establishment of a separate development group underscores the company's commitment to both growth and creative excellence.



Imagi International Holdings Limited, a listed company (stock code 585) on the main board of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, entered the animation business in 2000 when it established Imagi Studios in Hong Kong, and subsequently in 2004 a creative development and production facility in Los Angeles and a satellite office in Tokyo. The company produces major CG-animated theatrical movies for global audiences, including the March 23, 2007 release, *TMNT* (Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles), distributed by Warner Bros. Pictures and The Weinstein Company.

Imagi combines Hollywood storytelling with Hong Kong high-tech animation. Its production pipeline in Hong Kong currently employs 450 animators; a staff of 50 is involved in story development and production management at its U.S. facility.

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