



## Capcom making Lost Planet movie

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Capcom is making a "Lost Planet" movie. The publisher is teaming up with producer Avi Arad, who used to run Marvel Pictures, and has a distribution deal with Warner Bros.

David Hayter, who wrote two "X-Men" movies and the upcoming adaptation of "Watchmen," and who of course we gamers know as the voice of Solid Snake in "Metal Gear Solid," is writing the script.

Arad is producing with his son Ari and partner Steven Paul through Seaside Entertainment, a production company they formed to make fantasy and sci-fi fare.

Capcom has been the busiest videogame publisher in terms of adapting movies. It's got a fourth "Resident Evil" in the works with Sony, "Onimusha" with Paramount, and the new "Street Fighter" with Hyde Park (Fox is distributing).

As with "Street Fighter," Capcom is expected to co-finance the "Lost Planet" movie. It's not clear yet if Warner Bros. will be kicking in the rest of the money or someone else.

Though the story was pretty cliched in the game, "Lost Planet" at least has one, as well as a cool visual setting (shades of Hoth), so there's no reason it couldn't be a good movie. On its face it certainly is a much more obvious adaptation than "Street Fighter."

No word on when the movie's coming out, though whenever it is, I'd say it's a safe bet it'll be along with the inevitable "Lost Planet 2." (Just as "Street Fighter IV" is **probably coming out with the movie next winter**)

Not to ruin any surprises, but for anyone wondering what's going to be the big announcement at Capcom's E3 press conference on Tuesday... now you know.