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## COIN LIGHTS CRYSTAL

Will use \$400 mil line for co-productions with Par

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CANNES – Crystal Sky and producing partner Jon Voight have pacted with MM Media Capital Partners for a \$400 million line of credit to co-produce and co-finance up to 12 films over three years with Paramount Pictures, where Crystal Sky has a first-look deal. Films will be budgeted at \$20 million-\$60 million.

Los Angeles-based Crystal Sky, led by Steven Paul, recently inked a deal with Germany's VCL Communications, which put up to 25% of the financing for pics done with Paramount or for any TV projects.

Paul said the credit line will finance Crystal Sky's work with other studios and producers in addition to Paramount. MM Media Capital is a banking consortium formed last fall by Hal Sadoff, Rodney Payne and Myles Nestel. Crystal Sky's projects in development include:

- "New York" Wars", being written by Jeremy Iacone ("The Bone Collector"). Voight will co-star in the action piece dealing with rising influence of the Russian mafia in New York.

- "First Comes Love", a remake of the theatrical French comedy "Delphine 1, Yvan 0". Project is being co-produced with TF1. Chris Corman and Matt Ord are penning the script, which follows a young couple falling in and out of love and the role the media plays in their relationship.
- "Cheek to Cheek", a comedy co-written by Gene Wilder and Tom Straw. Wilder stars as a recently released mental patient who believes he is Fred Astaire and meets his own Ginger Rogers.
- "Korczak", the story of Janus Korczak, Polish children's author, medical doctor and one of the world's first advocates of children's rights.

"Three Men and a Leg", remake of an Italian action/comedy that follows three men, one soon to be married, on a road trip with a precious sculpture that must be delivered intact to the future father-in-law.