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Crystal Sky Acquires TEKKEN Movie Rights

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Following the global success of "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider," Crystal Sky has nabbed the rights to make a \$60 million film version of "Tekken," one of the most successful video game franchises in the world, in association with Japan's Gaga Communications and the game's maker, Namco. The rights were acquired from Namco after a fierce bidding war, according to Crystal Sky president and CEO Steven Paul at the American Film Market. "Tetsu Fujimura, CEO of Gaga, and I have wanted to make a big commercial movie together for a long time," Paul said. "I have had a long and wonderful relationship with (him) and Masaya Nakamura, chairman of Namco, for over 12 years now. The time was right, and 'Tekken' was the perfect game to pursue our dreams together." To date, Tekken, it has sold more than 18 million units worldwide.

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