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### Dolphin Secures Financing for Six New Films

LOS ANGELES, October 30: The Citi affiliate Continental Entertainment Capital (CEC) has committed to providing financing for six new feature films from kids' and family outfit Dolphin Entertainment.

The funds will be used to cover production, print and advertising costs for the six teen- and tween-targeted films. The titles will be produced and distributed worldwide by Dolphin Entertainment, with an unnamed studio partner releasing them theatrically in the U.S.

The first offering is *Soul Surfer—The Bethany Hamilton Story*, the story of the female teen surfer who lost an arm in a shark attack and then overcame numerous obstacles to become a successful and popular professional surfer, inspirational speaker and role model.

Dolphin's chairman and president, Bill O'Dowd, noted, "Beginning with the uplifting story of Bethany Hamilton, we are confident that the films will represent our ongoing commitment to create engaging and high-quality productions in line with our continued success in appealing to our core demographic of children and teen audiences."

Continental Entertainment Capital's managing director, D. Jeffrey Andrick, said: "We are excited to be in business with Dolphin and Bill O'Dowd, as this exemplifies the type of targeted audience product that we believe can succeed, even in more difficult general market conditions. Bill has built a successful business and knows his audience extremely well. He has demonstrated an ability to focus on this demographic and fully service it from development and production through to seasoned domestic distribution relationships, a captive international sales operation, and originating very attractive ancillary revenue streams in music, sponsorship and retail merchandising."

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